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Space Rentals in the Public Warehouse

Do They Net More Than Open Storing?

Conditions at the Close of 1931—Comparisons with 1930—Rates and Their Adjustment to Business Conditions—Is It Profitable to Provide Offices for Tenants?

By H. A. HARING

URING September and October, 1931, two manufacturers who are confirmed patrons of the public warehouse within the space of a few weeks talked with me about space rentals in warehouses. What they said struck a new note of our warehousing, as I had observed the industry, because each of these manufacturers disclosed for this sort of patronage an enthusiasm greater than I had ever known either from them or from others.

What they told me startled me into wondering: "Has the depression interpreted for us yet another bit of hand-writing on the wall?" "Is their sudden enthusiasm a hint of a greater development of this kind of storing than we have had?"

Then, not many weeks later, I had conversations with two well-known warehousemen. One of them, from a great city in Texas, told me most emphatically that leased space in the warehouse is on the wane. The other, from Chicago, took just the opposite view. He voiced the sentiment that all storing on the tonnage basis faces competition within the warehouse itself, this competition being "that the big accounts find it cheaper to lease space and do their own handling."

These two warehousemen stood diametrically opposite each other, as their experiences also were directly op-

Thereupon I determined to find out what is happening to space rentals in the warehouses. And, after some weeks of mulling over the problem, I resolved to query the industry in a manner I had never attempted—through use of a formal questionnaire. I came to this

decision most reluctantly, for the reason that I have never had much faith in mail questionnaires, it being my observation that only a small proportion of those approached will care to reply and, particularly, that the non-responding concerns are apt to be the ones whose experience is most desired.

Nevertheless I made the attempt. It was my first assault on the industry in this manner.

The questionnaires were mailed the final day of November. In less than a week I learned something that surprised even me.

The problem of space rentals is, at just this time, one of the utmost consequence to the warehousing industry.

The questionnaires were addressed only to presidents, operating executives and similar important officers of the houses. And, within sixty days' time replies had reached me from 92 per cent of those addressed! By count, 403 warehousemen have cooperated in this study of the industry through written replies. More than 100 of these men showed such deep interest in the subject that they wrote me letters in addition to replying to the specific questions I had asked, those letters furnishing wonderful snapshots of conditions as they existed in the final weeks of 1931.

Not all these 403, however, were able to reply to the questions propounded.

The questionnaires, despite my checking the list of those addressed, went to some men who handle only household goods, to some whose houses are specialized, to many whose location is peculiarly not fitted to leasing of space. They went to three who have failed in

business since the 1931 Directory who was issued: to four or five have merged with other houses during the year; to two who had died and whose successor returned the questionnaire rather than filling it in. There were, also, among that number about twenty who, for one reason or another, preferred not to answer my questions. Of this group, however, fully a half indicated their willingness to help by writing a letter-some of these letters proving to be the most illuminating data that came to me.

It has been possible during December, January and February, as I happened to travel from city to city, to supplement these formal replies by personal interviews. No complete record has been kept by me, but I would estimate that I have discussed leasing of space with fifty warehousemen in these weeks. Many of them had already replied to the questionnaire. All told, after allowing for duplications, it is my judgment that 430 warehousemen have cooperated in this study by furnishing information, by passing on to me glimpses of their experiences, by giving hints, and, quite often, telling me conditions which they would hardly wish a competitor in the same city to know.

All names and identifying statements will, of necessity, be withheld. Indeed, most of the information was obtained under a sort of pledge that no eye other than mine should ever see the original replies. None will. For, after my completion of writing the three articles of which this is the first, I shall burn the original questionnaires and all the rather voluminous correspondence and supporting data. It has served its purpose—served it remarkably well, in my opinion—and I shall dispose of it where no harm can possibly result.

And, as the final side-light on this subject, the third article will attempt to focus the reverse side of the picture. In the June issue of Distribution and Warehousing we shall present the exepriences of some sixty "accounts," principally those which have consistently been tenants of the warehouses on this leasing basis. For they, too, have revealed intense interest in space rentals. That mode of patronizing the warehouses is quite as vital to them as to the industry.

Trends Sought

THOSE readers are doomed to disappointment who look for a lot of statistical tables as the outcome of this investigation.

My questions were an effort to discover trends of the times. I was seeking more to learn what warehousemen think of the prospect as they look forward a year or two rather than to record what they have done during past years. Statistics, necessarily, relate to the past. They chalk up what has been but they fail to reveal what we may expect in the future.

Warehousemen, and their "accounts" as well, know only too well their experiences of the past. Many of those experiences they would gladly forget. They

are, however, immensely interested in what 1932 and 1933 hold for them.

A table of statistics, too, in order to have any value, ought to make allowance for the size or the importance of the warehouse. Only the census, which counts every head and omits none, can give satisfactory figures. Only replies from every one of our 4,647 warehouses would give a positive answer. I have returns from less than a tenth of this total.

Even had four thousand of them been queried and four thousand of them replied, a statistical tabulation might not reveal the real truth of the matter. For, in such a table, Bush Terminal with more than ten million square feet of space on the Brooklyn waterfront would be one warehouse. Mr. Unknown from Beanville also would be one warehouse. A "Yes" from Bush and a "No" from the other would offset each other. Would anyone for one moment assign equal importance to the two replies?

As another consideration, warehouses in some cities have docks. They lease portions of the dock area. A statistical tabulation would balance dock space in New York or Tampa over against floor space in Rochester or Atlanta. The resultant figures would scarcely help the question we face.

Therefore the replies that have come to me will not be presented in statistical form.

For my own guidance I have tabulated such of the information as permitted of a "Yes" or a "No." But the totals were not impressive.

To illustrate the uselessness of figures-in such a problem as this one, of course-from Chicago came 18 replies To one question to my questionnaire. where a "Yes" or a "No" was possible. 9 said one and the other 9 just the opposite. This merely means that half the Chicago warehouses had had one experience and half the other, but, when I went over the 18 with my personal knowledge of their situations, I could have written the same 9 "Yes" and the 9 "No" without bothering them. If, in sending out the questionnaires, I had deliberately selected either group the returns would have been unanimous-but wholly misleading.

In the following pages I shall, however, occasionally refer to "large" cities and "small." A "large city" for the purposes of these articles is one of the following:

New York (including Brooklyn), Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, Cleveland, St. Louis, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, San Francisco.

No city other than these twelve is denominated "large" for our present purposes.

Diversity

IN order to set up statistical tables which shall be absolutely accurate it is necessary to "weight" the figures. That is to say, a "Yes" from a warehouse with 300,000 square feet of space should be given three times the value of

a "Yes" from one with only 100,000 feet, This would give us four replies of "Yes" from two houses in the table. Then, should the larger house report "Yes" and the smaller say "No," the single "No" would offset not the entire reply of "Yes" from the bigger one but it would reduce the net total to two for the "Yes" column. But, to attempt any such "weighting" of replies is beyond my purpose. Chester Carruth dearly loves such a job. It is too complicated for me.

Nor would it yield the result sought in this investigation.

For, as no statistics could reveal, one is impressed with the fact that 400 ware-houses, scattered over the United States, picture a wide diversity of local conditions. What is a profitable undertaking for one is sure loss to another somewhere else—surprisingly often it is impossible for another house in the same city.

Such a State as Texas presents a big problem to an investigator. In our warehousing, for instance, Dallas and Houston (and Fort Worth to a lesser degree) reveal a need for salesmen's offices in the warehouse building. They are the great selling pivots for the Southwest. Yet other Texas cities report a preponderance of demand for merchandise space without offices. The reason is found in the great distances of that State, the peculiar freight rate structure which places all distributing points on a parity for in-bound carload shipments, and, of recent years, the State's network of motor truck lines.

The smaller city, in Texas, has little need of office space in the warehouse.

The same holds true on much of the inter-mountain region. Such a city as Billings, in Montana, is an important center for distributing goods over a wide area; but the warehousemen there have discerned almost no demand for office accommodations. But, in Iowa, just the contrary condition seems to prevail. City after city of that State—down even to those of the 10,000 to 15,000 population group—report such situations as this:

"We find that merchandise distributors are learning to appreciate office conveniences in the warehouse, for use of their salesmen and representatives.

. . . They do not desire elaborate quarters but they certainly do want a place which the salesman may call 'home' for five days of the week and use as 'office' on Saturdays. . . . He may use the place so infrequently that he never stops to wipe the dust off the windowsill. Yet it brings the goods into our house for storage and offers us a dozen opportunities during the week to do little services for him which mean larger sales and better deliveries."

Or, at such a city as San Francisco, we find one warehousing company making a specialty of leased space and office renting. It has, in fact, one large building devoted exclusively to that purpose. The same city presents, however, a competing warehouseman who makes it a point not to do either of these things. He writes:

"We do little space leasing. What we

do do is done to reduce the amount of space we must carry at times when it is impossible to fill the house with pack-

age arrangements."

Here, within a single city, we find a diversity of operating policy. Similar conditions exist, I believe, in every major city-due either (1) to different location and construction of the house or (2) to varying policies on the part of their managements.

Possibly one warehouseman, who operates in Cincinnati, has put this diversity of conditions into better words than I could do. He wrote to me this:

"It is hard for me to answer your questions, because it all depends on where the warehouse is built, how close it stands to the business part of the city, its railroad connections, the parking space, and so on. A warehouse built away from the business section need not expect tenants to come in for office space and not a great many for space rental in the house. The warehouse more and more must try to offer whatever a customer wants to help him market his goods. But what these services actually are will not be the same for two warehouses, chiefly depending on where the house happens to stand and its distance from the business center."

Leasing

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OUT of approximately 430 warehouses covered for information on the subject of leasing space, 351 report that they do it to some extent. This would be about 82 per cent. The percentage becomes 90 if we eliminate the warehouses which handle household goods only and those which have gone out of business during 1931.

Such a percentage is pretty nearly overwhelming. On its face it would indicate a trend, almost universal, for storing goods on this basis.

Go slow! Stop, look and listen before coming to any such conclusion!

For, knowing how warehousing in New York and Boston differs from the methods of interior cities, my questionnaires were sent to only seven warehousemen of Greater New York (including Hoboken, Jersey City and other Jersey waterfront localities) and to only three in Boston. Had I queried the same proportion in the Port of New York as I did in Chicago (where the questionnaire brought forth 18 replies) the entire showing of the 430 warehouses would have been quite different.

Although Bush and New York Dock and Independent Stores and Campbell Stores and Wiggin and Quincy Street are listed in the directories and in American Warehousemen's Association membership as "warehouses," and although we think of them as such, the business they do is hardly comparable to what constitutes "warehousing" at other places.

"Our business is different from inland warehouses," writes one of these warehousemen from New York. "We are known as waterfront warehouses. store principally imported raw products, received direct from steamer. We do very little distribution of domestic goods in proportion to our total volume.

'Our houses are 'listed stores' or 'stipulated stores' so far as fire insurance is concerned. This keeps our base rate for insurance very low. Therefore we have never undertaken the leasing of space, principally because the rules of the New York Board of Fire Underwriters insist that a 'warehouse must be under the exclusive control of a warehouseman engaged in the business of storing' and if we were to lease space our insurance rate would go up."

Many of these New York warehouses, as we all know, have separate buildings for manufacturing and space leasing,

Next Month:

THE second of this series of "Space Rentals" articles by Mr. Haring will appear in the May issue.

The author will discuss benefits and disadvantages as outlined to him by leading storage executives. And he storage executives. will consider these questions:

1. Is rental of space to certain types of "accounts" a necessary step?
2. Is it essential in order "accounts"

to offset high overhead?
3. Is it arbitrary in the competition for "accounts"?

4. What is the trend? 5. What is the prospect immediately ahead, as indi-

cated by 1931?

Mr. Haring speculates, in these articles, as to whether the depression has interpreted, for warehousing, "yet another bit of hand-writing on the wall"—and the information he presents based on a survey in which more than four hundred warehousemen and nearly seventy traffic representatives have cooperated.

but, both for that port and for a few others, "warehousing" is not the same thing it is elsewhere. Therefore many warehouses-important names and leaders of the industry-do no leasing of space as contemplated in this investigation.

Others, even at interior points, consider themselves "transit warehouses" or "bulk goods warehouses"-they existing particularly along the Ohio River, the Mississippi and the Missouri, Their business is so specialized that leasing could not enter. A similar condition prevails with some of the South Atlantic

port cities and on the Gulf.

Yet another large group of important warehouses report briefly such state-ments as: "We have no space rentals"; "Our house was not constructed with this in view"; "Our buildings were not designed so as to let out space to tenants to operate their own business"; "We operate a bulk storage house only and are not situated in a location to get into this end of the business"; "Our entire volume is on the package or hundredweight basis, with no space rentals such as you have in mind."

Such replies as those quoted in the preceding paragraph bring up the two problems of location of the house and policy of the management, which we have already considered.

The point, however, is this:

Many important houses, in the principal cities, are not included in the 430 warehouses which figure in our investigation. The custom of leasing space represents far less proportion of our total warehousing than the mere figures of replies would indicate. Instead of being done by 90 per cent, or 82 per cent, of our merchandise warehouses, I would estimate that only 40 to 50 per cent of the houses do it at all, with fully as many of the really important houses among the "not" as numbered with the "do" grouping.

A Sign-Post of Danger

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m ND}$, dangerous and risky as the statement may be, I am firm in the belief that more warehouses which have managed to earn a profit during 1931 do not lease space than those which do. With a handful of notable exceptions, the best managements-judged, you must remember, by a rank outsider to the industryare better able to maintain their rates to a profitable basis on the package basis than on the landlord basis. For, after all is said on this subject, the leasing of space is a landlord-and-tenant relation more than it is a warehouse-and-account basis. On this phase of the investiga-tion more will be brought out in the third article of this series, wherein will be presented the views of patrons of the warehouses.

Type Who Answered

THE initial purpose of my question-naire was to evaluate the leasing of warehouse space at the close of the year 1931. The inquiries were sent out near the end of the year, and, with reasonable accuracy, they brought forth a picture of December conditions.

Bear in mind, please, in what is to follow that everything here recorded represents the replies of the 351 warehouses which do more or less leasing of space. It gives no portrayal of all that large and important element of the industry which, as just described, constitutes easily a half of our merchandise storing. The 351 houses do, however, cover a careful selection of representative warehouses up and down the United States.

No reply is included from anyone other than a president, owner, operating executive or, in only three instances, from one who signed himself as "bookkeeper" or similar employee, who, to all appearances, was properly authorized to reply. Of the 351, too, all but 14 appear in the Directory issue of Distribution and Warehousing as "starred listings."

The star, in that Directory, signifies

that the information contained in the company's listing in the Directory has been attested before a notary public as correct. The facts and figures were sworn to under oath. No such attestation, of course, applies to anything these warehousemen have told me. Nevertheless their replies to me have emanated from the type of man who is willing to take oath that he tells the truth, when reporting for a Directory issue of his industry. The vast majority of the warehousemen, for another matter, are my own friends, who would have no great reason to deceive me in such a project as this inquiry.

Changes in 1931

ONE question propounded was this:
"Has space rental in your house increased during 1931: (1) in feet of space rented? . . . (2) in revenue in dollars? . . ."

Of the 351 houses, during the year 1931, the number of feet of space under lease—

Went up for	57	houses
Went down for	246	houses
Held unchanged for	9	houses

Information from 39 houses was either too vague or was not forthcoming at all.

The revenue from space rentals showed almost exactly the same results. The revenue—

Went up for		houses
Went down for	249	houses
Held unchanged for	8	houses

with information from 60 houses not available.

Quite commonly the warehouses would report something of this sort: "Total revenue went up, due to more leased space"; "The quantity of space was cut by tenants and of course our earnings fell with the cut." Of the 57 houses which reported increases in space under lease, 15 were in the 12 "large cities" already listed. Where total revenue from leasing went up, 12 were in these "large cities."

In two important cities—approximately half a million population each—every warehouseman who reported at all stated that both number of feet under lease and income had been more for 1931 than for 1930. These warehousemen, as gleaned from conversations with some of them, had stuck together in their cities on an agreement not to slash rates, even in the face of distress space from nonwarehouse competitors, and, as a further step, most of them had actively solicited this sort of busines..

The experiences of several of this group from these two cities formed the basis for the article on "New Business for Warehouses" which appeared in Distribution and Warehousing, issue for February, under the title of "Soliciting New Business in a Falling Market."

They had increased their business because they went aggressively after more of it, with a plan founded on the conditions of depression. They showed prospects how to make money by coming under the warehouse roof.

Another group of questions put to

these warehouses related to quoted rates. The questions as worded were:

"Have your quoted rates gone up during 1931 . . . or down? . . . Have you adjusted existing leases, during the year, up . . . or down? . . ."

These questions plunged me into all sorts of surprises. I asked them principally because both of the two manufacturers, whose enthusiasm for leasing space had led me into this survey, had reported that they had been unable to chisel the better type warehouses into cutting their existing rates. My own, off-hand, judgment was that of course the warehouses had cut the rates. Everything else is going down in price. Why not leases in the warehouses?

Some warehousemen could not resist taking me for a fall. One of them scribbled his "answer" in these words:

scribbled his "answer" in these words:
"What a question!" He said nothing
more, but, clearly I am a pretty big fool
in his eyes to propound such an inquiry.
To tell the truth, at the time, I thought
so myself.

Another tickled my fat man's risibility by the Yankee method of replying to one questtion by asking another. He asked me:

"Are you getting younger . . . or older? . . ."

Note that he left me ample space to write in the answer! His double-jointed rejoinder has given me many a laugh as I have fingered through these four hundred replies.

Eight others shot back facetious remarks, all of which indicated that no sane man would expect quoted rates to go any direction but down—certainly not up.

More than twenty warehousemen, in writing me letters to supplement the formal questionnaire, registered a protest against my printing any statistical resume of these particular questions. Of these letters I shall quote but one, selecting that one which came from the most important warehouseman who sent me such a protest. He writes:

"We feel there are very few ware-housemen today who would not be compelled to answer that their rates have gone down, that their income from leases has gone down, and that such adjustments as have been made on existing leases have been on a downward basis. In view of this fact, and considering that Distribution and Warehousing is widely read by users of public warehouses, we believe that it would be poor publicity for the warehousing industry.

"Our company is constantly receiving requests for rate reductions from shippers, and we do not believe that other warehousemen are immune insofar as the receipt of similar requests is concerned, and if the statistics that would accompany your article showed that the warehousing industry was revising its rates downward, it would tend to increase the pressure on warehousemen for further rent and rate reductions. It is our opinion that statistics of this nature should not be published at the present time."

To this protest I replied, as undoubt-

edly I did to the other twenty or so who lodged similar sentiments with me, that I shared the same feeling. During the weeks that have followed that "feeling" has altered, very deeply and materially. The replies from 351 warehousemen gave me a tremendous surprise, but it was nothing to what I have learned from the sixty or so "accounts" who have told me their side of the same matter. What they say will appear in the third article of this series (June issue).

From the warehousemen we learn, referring to quoted rates—

Have gone up for...... 6 houses Have gone down for.... 180 houses Have held unchanged for. 126 houses

with replies incomplete, or lacking, for 39 houses.

As to existing leases, adjustments during the year—

Have gone up for...... 6 houses Have gone down for.... 108 houses Have held unchanged for. 141 houses

there being no satisfactory or complete reply from 96 houses for this particular question.

Of this total of 108 adjusted "down," 23 are reported as "slightly down" or at given percentages less than 10 per cent or with other data which indicate very slight adjustment, although some.

Whenever a conversation has been possible with a warehouseman since sending out the questionnaries I have tried to remember to ask about this matter.

One and all they voice an identical experience. They have not been "immune insofar as the receipt of similar requests is concerned." Far from it. A flood of demands has been made upon them—so insistent, in many instances, that they might appropriately be called "threats" or even worse!

Here, once again, local conditions become an important factor. Distress space in the downtown districts are nowhere worse to face than when the warehouse makes a quotation on space or when the demand comes for "adjustment" of an existing lease, under the threat either veiled or openly flaunted that the tenant will "move."

And, in order to get somewhere with these two questions, I have spent hours analyzing the naked figures just set down. For the purpose, further, of checking my estimates I selected the thirty warehouses which in my judgment are most important out of these replying "Have gone down" and the thirty most important who reported "Have held unchanged." These sixty houses were handed over to our two greatest commercial rating agencies, half to each, for special reports as of December 31, 1931.

From these commercial reports for the sixty houses, plus my own evaluation of the remaining houses in each list, I have rated the replying warehouses either as "earned as much in 1931 as in 1930" or "earned less."

As to the sixty houses, whose condition was reported by the commercial agencies, it is rather surprising to learn that—

21 earned more in 1931 28 earned less in 1931 11 earned about the same

Most of the eleven in the last group had not completed their figures when the rating agencies reported, or had undergone corporate changes which made exact figures impossible to compare with 1930. These figures are not mine but those as handed me by the rating agencies in their reports.

From other sources, chiefly what the warehousemen have told me, I have attempted to rate others. As to 51 of them I have reasons, sufficiently com-plete in my judgment, to say that—

18 earned more in 1931 30 earned less in 1931 3 earned about the same

Now, by combining these two calculations, the one dependable and the other based on personal information, we have-

39 houses earned more 58 houses earned less 14 houses earned about the same

111

This regroups 111 of the 312 replying to one of our questions and of the 255 replying to the other. Each of the 111 occurs in each lot of replies.

I have tried in Table 1 to exhibit my analysis, on this basis, of the final showing.

If Table 1 shows anything it proves the following:

The downward quotation and the downward adjustment have come from the house that is either losing money or is managing to break even. The warehouses earning a profit have managed so to serve their patrons that they have not been obliged to adopt the tactics of the price-cutter.

In venturing this analysis I do not overlook the natural tendency of business men to "forget" damaging facts when putting anything into written form. I doubt not that of these 351, some have painted themselves a bit whiter than their competitors would swear to. But, for all that, I believe my analysis gives a reasonably fair and complete picture of the condition of today. I believe this for a reason that I dare not pass on to others, because these replies came on a confidential basis.

The mere fact that so many frankly told that they have cut the rate makes me trust all of them the more. Twentytwo warehousemen went so far as to send me a list of tenants, with rents for each and an indication of changes during 1931. And, from my contacts with more than sixtly "accounts," I have been enabled to "check and double-check" what the warehousemen have told me! Twenty-two of these "accounts" have allowed me to compare their story with the warehousemen's. Seventeen of them have furnished me with their rent schedule, as it now is in force. In every single instance where both mention the same lease, the "account's" report tallies with what the warehouseman had reported or what he afterwards wrote me when I queried him for further information.

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	Total Warehouses Replying	Number Found Among 39 Houses Earning "More"	Number Found Among 58 Houses Earning "Less"	Number Found Among 14 Houses Earning "Same"	
Quoted rates up	6	1	3	2	
Quoted rates down		14	52	9	
Quoted rates unchanged	126	32	17	12	
Existing leases up	6	0	2	4	
Existing leases down*	108	10	41	6	
Existing leases unchanged	141	36	42	5	

*Of this total of 108 adjusted "down," 23 are reported as "slightly down" or at given percentages less than 10 per cent or with other data which indicate very slight adjustment, although some.

With eight of these "accounts" I happen to enjoy such intimate business relations that their records are open to me (for such a purpose as this investigation). Anything I ask about their warehousing is supplied without hesitation or reservation. From those eight have come some most telling facts.

We shall hear more of this "story" in the June issue.

The Rates in Effect

A QUESTION uppermost in the mind of everyone is: "What are the rates for leased space?"

Need I publish the replies?

Perhaps we shall clear the atmosphere if we consider another industry for a moment-radio, particularly the servicing of sets in use.

Examine the classified advertising section of your city's newspapers and you will find under the heading "Radio" an interesting lot of copy. If your radio needs attention beyond what your limited knowledge makes possible you will be sorely distracted as to which "ad" to telephone to. A few of them will mention \$1 or \$1.50 as the minimum charge for a service call. Yet more will avoid naming the sum. Some will yell at you that word "free" by promising that the serviceman's call will cost you nothing while a smaller number will advertise themselves as members of the "N.R.S"-National Radio Servicemen, an organization which guarantees satisfactory workmanship and honesty in replacements. Should anything done by a "N.R.S." man prove unsatisfactory, the local office of that organization will make good the mistake, without a cent of cost to you, and will adjust the dispute with the serviceman under its own rules and regulations.

The "N.R.S." is a guarantee of satisfaction. But it is not shouting "free" at you. And-in your secret soul you know it-when the serviceman of the "free" "ad" appears at your door, it is necessary for him to discover some broken or burned-out part in your radio, to be replaced at a high price. He must, in order to live and pay for gasoline for his service-car, mulct you out of something, despite his boasted "free" for something else.

Warehousing, in nearly every city, is in much the position of the "N.R.S." man in radio. Someone else is ruining the legitimate business by flooding the market with low quotations, generally with some sort of concealed poison-tip to the arrow which, in the end, will prove costly, if not fatal, to the concern that "bites."

I will quote from one of the most conservative warehousemen in the whole country-a man who never uttered an over-statement in his life. This gentleman writes to me:

"You probably know that The Blank Company recently erected a warehouse here. They are offering space at -c. a foot to one of our present tenants. The Other Company, too, I understand is offering space at almost any price they can get for it. These conditions of course upset the rates for space rentals. I am writing you thus confidentially, so that you may see our position with regard to space renting and the things that are interfering with this part of warehousing."

That is one letter. From about three bushels of material which I have accumulated on this subject I could duplicate the thought behind it for about three times for each important city from Portland to Portland. A few sore spots are, possibly, sorer than some others. but, as possibly every reader already knows, the condition is rather common. If it is not a warehouse newly built, it is an old rat-infested one that has revived itself, or it is a downtown loft building recently dubbed by its owner as a "warehouse" but without stopping long enough to comply with the law or even to inquire whether there is a law in the particular State!

Conditions never have equalled those of late 1931. The fact that everything then looked so dark was one reason why this inquiry was undertaken. The time seemed ripe to learn the worst, especially as some warehousemen are say-ing: "Merchandise warehousing has no future, because it is being ruined by cutthroat competition."

Figures as to rates in effect are apt to mislead.

Many conditions apply which do not appear in the quotation, unless the number of cents per square foot is read along with the "conditions" tied by the warehouse to the quotation. Unfortunately the distress space and the ware-

TABLE 2

Rates for Space Rentals in Effect at Key Cities Per month per square foot

Chi-De-Hous- Kansas Los New Or- St. Twin Size of Space City Angeles leans Louis troit Cities cago ton Up to 1,000 sq. ft. 6c. 7–10c. 6–7c. 2,000–5,000 sq. ft. 5–5½c. 5½–7c. 5c. 5,000–10,000 sq. ft. 4–5. 5–5½c. 3½–4c. Above 10,000 sq. ft. 3½–4c. 4–5c. 3c. 5-6c. 3½c. 6c. 6c. 6c. 4 1/2 C. 216c. 5c. 5c. 4c. 4c. 21/4 c. 41/2c. 4-41/2c. 3c. 4c. 2c. 3½c. 31/3-4c. 21/2c.

These rates are for month-to-month rentals. For a twelve-months' lease, under which the tenant obligates himself to remain through the year, the rates are usually a bit lower; 10 per cent as a rule.

Rates represent those of responsible public warehouses; not so-called "warehouses" of questionable reliability. The rates include ordinary service of a going warehouse, whereas distress space generally is quoted for bare rental without heat and light, sidetrack or available accessory services.

house seeking to "upset the rates" each is keen to quote a price and leave all else to the imagination. Much like the "free" of the radio man, anyone can see that a ridiculous rental must be recouped from some other source and that, knowing it or unknowingly, the tenant will pay the cost.

"Rates vary with the floor of location," reports one warehouse. "Rates as quoted are bare of all services," is the rule of many warehouses, while repeatedly a quotation like this is made:

45c. for 10,000 sq. ft. or more heated. 40c. for 10,000 sq. ft. or more unheated.

Or, as in many cities, the quotation is a double one, such as "4c. a foot, gross space; 614c., net space." With others, where several buildings are available, the statement is:

6c. a sq. ft. in fireproof building; 4c. in non-fireproof building; both with a minimum of 50c. a month.

Rates quoted apply to fireproof buildings only; in our metal-clad non-fireproof buildings, the rates are approximately 30 per cent less, because our investment is considerably less in this type of building.

The rates of one experienced warehouseman, with a large plant, indicate what may be found at many centers:

Building leased outright, about 80,000 sq. ft., for approximately 13c, but does not include any service.

Spaces of about 40,000 sq. ft. for approximately 41c., including nightwatch, janitor and heat, and other services.

Small spaces at 60c, depending on floor in building, class of business customer is in, etc.

With hardly an exception the warehouses report difficulty in maintaining the rates of two years ago. It is particularly hard to sign up a new tenant on that basis. But, as already demonstrated, any serious recession from reasonable rates brings disaster to the house in the form of deficient earnings.

Only too often the warehouseman has learned that he has ceased to warehouse goods and has become a real estate rental agent, with his buildings competing with every other empty space in the city. This will always happen where the space is leased without bringing to the warehouse the accessory services of handling, selling heat and power, furnishing labor, charging for use of railroad siding and unloading facilities. A rental is justified when, but only when,

the lease yields enough to offset general overhead for the property and when the tenant provides other types of revenue desirable to the warehouse.

Table 2 summarizes the space rates now in effect in key cities. Each city presents wide variation in rates, because (1) of diverse types of buildings available, (2) different locations with reference to business uses, and (3) aggressiveness or lassitude of warehousemen in proving to prospects that the professional warehouseman offers, in the quoted rate and without "extra cost," many items of expense which show up unexpectedly at the cut-rate location and which are neither included in the quotation nor ascertainable in advance.

Hardly a city of those named in Table 2 has failed to report leases made—or distress quotations in the air—for lesser rates. One good friend writes the following as the condition in his city, which is one of those given in Table 2:

"We recently heard that 20,000 sq. ft. were leased for 1c. a foot a month, although from other sources we learn that the rate is 20c. a year. This space is owned by a concern which alleges they are in the warehouse business, although they are not association members. Our city is probably no different from many others of like and of larger population in that we are constantly confronted with empty space in unoccupied buildings that owners are anxious to turn into any sort of revenue. We have a building nearby that bothers us, because the owners are willing to do business with tenants on the basis of interest charge plus taxes and plus insurance.'

Quotations such as this tempt "accounts" to shop around. Even so low a rate as that mentioned would quickly become twice 20c., or 31/2c. a month, when the tenant calculates what it will cost him for watchman service, water, heat and light, power, maintenance of railroad siding and platforms, upkeep of the premises, higher insurance both for contents and building than a modern warehouse. Easiest of all costs to overlook when thinking of low rentals is the fact that when leasing from a going warehouse all overhead for general oversight of the property is laid upon the owner, whereas under the usual cutprice contract for space, the tenant himself must assume responsibility-and the

cost—of supervision. One salary of \$200 a month adds 1c. a square foot to the rental—and, when we come to the third article of this series, we shall learn what some "accounts" have experienced in this matter.

The cities reveal wide variations in their rates—not so much in the published figures as in the price actually realized under the lease. The reasons for this have already been brought out—local conditions vary; modern houses are competing with older structures. It is quickly apparent, however, that from 5c. to 6c. for small spaces and from 3½c. to 4½c. for larger ones is the lowest rate which yields any net revenue to the warehouse. Nor can "accounts" do much better than this for themselves, regardless of what may be the ostensible price.

Does It Pay to Lease?

ONE of the crucial points of the quesmen was contained in the question:

"Do you estimate that space rentals net you more . . . or less . . . for the space used than your average income from storage merchandise?"

Such a question opens the gate for a warehouseman to express an opinion, to tell of his experiences, and, most important of all, to place himself on record as to the real value of space rentals in the operation of a warehouse at the present time.

If space rentals net the house more than its average earnings from ordinary storage, they are good for the warehouse. If they yield less, they represent a loss of income and an expense to the house. But, as in all business dealings, the less income may be desirable—as, for example, in case space rentals bring to the warehouse other earnings which are highly profitable.

"Impossible to answer with a 'Yes' or a 'No' because it's not as simple as that." Two warehouses used those identical words; probably a hundred expressed much the same thought. But, although not feeling able to give reply categorically in a single word, our warehouses have furnished some most illuminating light on this particular question.

It is, in fact, the nub of the whole matter. The statistics may be misleading, but the leasing of space will continue or will disappear from the industry according as to whether it does yield more or less than average income from storing merchandise.

I only regret that the limitations of space prevent reprinting all that came to me in the letters, not to mention those pithy sentences written in the blank spaces of the questionnaire.

From one of the most important of all our warehouses, from its operating executive whose opinions every warehouseman values, came the following reply. His warehouse, by the way, for 1931 enjoyed a revenue from general merchandise storing considerably in excess of that for 1930 and had no de-

crease in income from space rentals. He says:

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"This is a difficult question to answer, because in some cases storage revenue is greater and in others the space rental is greater. It depends entirely upon the character of the merchandise stored, and its volume, and it would take quite a good deal of bookkeeping to average out the earnings and make a comparison of the two methods of handling spot stocks."

This gentleman is not side-stepping the question. Far from it. He states the bald truth of the matter. No single, uniform answer is possible. Others gave me the same sort of reply. Quite commonly both answers—"Yes" and "No"—came from the same warehouseman. They phrase it with such words as these:

"More in dull times, less in busy."

"More on slow turnovers in the ac-

count, less on fast turnovers."

"When the volume on package rates is good, with a fast turnover, package storage is better; under present conditions in distribution, space is better."

"More, particularly when we supply the labor; furthermore, there are twelve months of revenue."

"Less, but very desirable in periods of low storage occupancy and slow dis-

"More and growing still greater, because the large number of models and the many assortments of so many lines in storage do not produce for us as much revenue as space rentals."

"Less, especially over a period of years."

"Less prior to 1929; more since that time; due to the large amount of unoccupied space which must be charged to our storage operations."

"Less-by at least 20 per cent."

"Space rental is never justifiable, except in those exceptional cases where the commodities in store require but a small area and are of such a great variety that it is necessary for the warehouse to have a man in charge constantly to select articles to be delivered."

"One other thing occurs to me, when I think of your question. If warehouses are going to depend upon leased space they simply are beginning to operate as loft buildings. Certainly a warehouseman cannot step in where real estate men have heretofore operated, for the warehouseman would be receiving only the handling charge and the charge for special services. The necessary volume of rentals to maintain an organization on that basis is just not there. Therefore you may conclude that our company prefers the package business."

"We have an 85,000 square-foot warehouse in a city of 60,000 people, and the great difficulty of using this space for storage makes rentals best for us."

And, finally, I shall give almost the whole of a letter from one warehouseman, in the Northwest, who has summarized a very common condition of merchandise warehousing as it existed at the close of 1931. Does not his statement fit fairly well the situation in a

hundred cities? This is what he gives as the present aspect of leasing:

"There is an obvious tendency in this locality toward space rentals on the part of manufacturers which we believe is largely due to the pressure of business conditions. Sales volume has fallen to such a low point with many manufacturers and distributors that the expense of maintaining their own factory branch for offices and stock has become prohibitive. In such cases, they are turning to public warehouse facilities, not only to handle their stock, but to provide offices also. In many instances they are reluctant to release their employees and so transfer them into the warehouse quarters, taking space at flat rental, and are able to save enough by eliminating incidental expense such as light, heat, power, water, janitor, etc., to hold their organization together. In other instances they are obliged to release their employees and place their stock with the warehouse on a package basis, retaining perhaps an office limited to a representative and some clerical help.

In June:

THE third of this series of "Space Rentals" articles by Mr. Haring will be published in the June Distribution and Warehousing.

In it the author will review the experiences of sixty-seven "accounts" in their leasing of warehouse space for storing and handling their own goods. He will tell why some remain consistently as tenants; why others have gone elsewhere. He will touch on the extreme flexibility of warehouse accommodations in serving distributors, and will point out the principal commodities for which leasing is of most utility.

of most utility.

The shipper's viewpoint on this subject of space rentals will be illuminating for the warehouse executive.

This usually applies to an account with slow turnover.

"Doubtless there is considerable space rented at flat rates that fails to produce as much revenue as it would under package rates, but if the account turns over fast, the incidental business it produces, such as trucking, shipping, etc., is attractive to the warehouse. Where package rates are computed upon scientific rating procedure, they should invariably produce more than space rental on a fast turnover stock, but it is our experience that the average warehouse stock today seldom works out in accordance with the estimated conditions upon which the warehouse bases its rates.

"For this reason it is very probable, I think, that space rented at from 3 to 5 cents per square foot per month in units of 2000 feet and over will produce more than the average account of this size at

package rates as they are now quoted in the Pacific Northwest. This should not be; and the remedy lies in correction of the package rate structure to definitely give effect to the actual requirements of storage."

Nevertheless, of the 351 warehousemen, 291 did give me a categorial reply. They express the belief that leasing space produces for the warehouse—

More revenue for 81 houses Less revenue for 159 houses About the same for 51 houses

Warehousemen from the 12 "large cities" make up 36 of the "More" replies, 42 of the "Less" and 9 of the "About the same." The very small cities rather generally lean to replies of "More"—quite possibly for the reason already quoted from the warehouseman in a city of 60,000 population.

Office Quarters

ALLIED with the leasing of space for storing goods is the office space in a warehouse.

Overwhelmingly is it the judgment of the warehousemen that demand for offce space is growing. It will continue. Houses in cities large as well as small voice the same experience, with here and there an exception in the case of a smaller city west of the Missouri and in the Southwest. For those regions, where distances are great and population thinly scattered, stocks of goods are more numerous than salesmen's territories. Farm implements, such household equipment as washing machines and stoves and refrigerators, replacement parts, and supplies, such as binding twine and grain sacks and plumbing fixtures-these, and others, create a demand for storing where no salesman makes his headquarters.

Surprisingly often the warehousemen report that they make it a rule not to rent office space unless a stock of goods stands in the warehouse and unless the office has a close connection with handling the goods.

Although the practice, and the need, is undeniable, warehousemen wish they could correct some bad situations that develop with these office tenants. Such straws as the following have filtered into my hands, indicating, each, a fly in the ointment:

"We find that patrons prefer offices in the warehouse. However, this is often undesirable (to us) for the reason that they learn too much. Likewise, they are always expecting too many favors."

"We much prefer regular storage accounts where customers are not in our buildings. Usually we have to deal with some small-caliber clerk, and conflicts are constantly arising."

"Two competing manufacturers will store with us, but they will not have offices under the same roof. Sometimes we must step warily in letting out office space so as not to drive a good account to another warehouse."

"Most manufacturers in this city are trying to get free office space."

"They are getting so they tell us (Concluded on page 46)

Occupancy in 1931 Compares Not Unfavorably with Normal 1928

Statistics Across
Four Years

By KENT B. STILES

HE Census of Distribution of the Bureau of the Census of the United State Department of Commerce made public on March 22 the corrected and final figures covering public merchandise warehousing occupancy and tonnage for December, 1931. With these statistics in hand it becomes possible to compare 1931 as a whole with 1930, 1929 and 1928, and to prepare the tables and charts which accompany this article.

"The average occupancy for the entire country in 1931 figures 66.1 per cent," W. S. Gilbert, Chief of the Current Inquiries Section of the Census of Distribution, informs Distribution and Warehousing. "This figure is the result of an average of the occupancy percentages shown by our twelve reports, the correct occupancy percentage being utilized in each case."

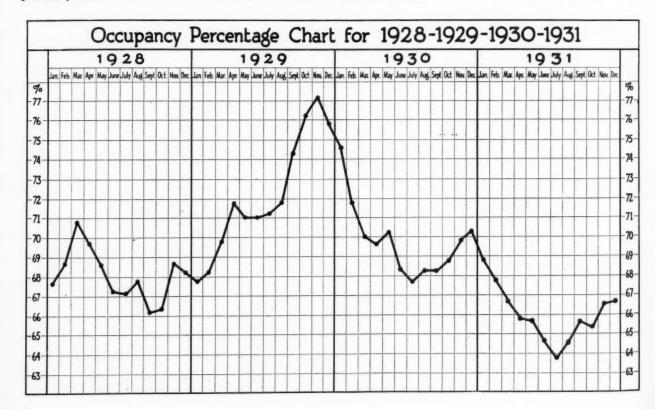
Nineteen thirty-one's average occupancy, 66.1 per cent, for the entire country, compares as follows with the three previous years: 1928 1929 1930 1931 Average 68.1 72.2 69.9 66.1

The chart at the bottom of this page illustrates strikingly what the setback has been since the stock market crash in November of 1929. Starting at 66.1 in September of 1928, the line indicating average occupancy had gradually moved upward, with a few temporary drops. to 77.1 in November of 1929. Then Wall Street lost its poise, with the profound results familiar to us all, and the occupancy curve immediately took a pronounced slump which carried it down to 67.8 in July of 1930. The final five months of 1930 brought a brief recovery, but with the beginning of 1931 a new recession set in, carrying the line to a new low, 63.9, in July. Then began another upward turn, spanning the final five months of 1931-a parallel movement, it will be noted, to that in 1930. The January, 1931, provisional percentage (average for entire country, and not shown on this chart) is 65.8—thus indicating another beginning-of-the-year downturn similar to the one which set in at the start of 1931.

While the slump from the highest mark, 77.1 in November of 1929 to the lowest mark, 63.9 in July of 1931, represents a difference of 13.2 per cent, it might perhaps be pointed out that many economists regard 1928 as a "normal" year; and that if their belief on that point is well founded, then 1931 does not compare too unfavorably with 1928 in so far as warehouse occupancy is concerned. The 1931 percentages for January, February, March, November and December—five of the year's months—are higher than 1928's two lowest figures, 66.1 for September and 66.4 for October.

The occupancy percentages, for the entire country, month by month across the four years, are shown in the first four columns of figures in Table No. 1 on page 13. State by State the occu-

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TABLE NO. I-ENTIRE COUNTRY

OCCUPANCY and TONNAGE, 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931

		OCCU	PANCY							TONN	AGE						
	J	Percentage of Availa	Occupied ble Space		1	Total Volu	ıme Arrivi	ng	Т	otal Ente	ring Stora	ge	Percentage Entering Storage				
January	1928 67.6	1929 67.9	1930 74.6	1931 68.9	1928 525,776	1929 628,291	1930 586,643	1931 475,358	1928 438,115	1929 460,090	1930 439,100	1931 382,986	1928 83.3	1929 73.2	1930 74.8	1931	
February	68.7	68.3	71.7	67.9	602,004	652,680	501,611	436,355	503,295	468,557	393,136	349,741	83.6	71.8	78.4	80.1	
March	70.8	69.9	70.0	66.8	739,482	724,600	566,505	551,341	567,849	551,208	428,934	385,202	76.8	76.1	75.7	69.9	
April	69.8	71.8	69.7	65.9	680,341	776,755	575,615	474,016	525,965	589,502	453,095	371,707	77.3	75.9	78.7	78.4	
May	68.6	71.0	70.3	65.8	556,835	738,177	626,866	488,161	427,102	572,827	503,661	381,850	76.7	77.6	80.3	78.2	
June	67.2	71.0	68.4	64.7	666,961	659,595	529,400	537,442	498,759	499,584	425,995	432,051	74.8	75.7	80.5	80.4	
July	67.1	71.2	67.8	63.9	623,564	689,816	548,262	495,246	444,571	521,362	437,109	382,789	71.3	75.6	79.7	77.7	
August	67.9	71.9	68.4	64.6	683,948	730,178	506,482	495,998	502,418	553,737	396,692	387,109	73.5	75.8	78.3	78.0	
September	66.1	74.3	68.4	65.7	635,524	722,914	619,777	521,795	450,554	541,566	487,974	410,334	70.9	74.9	78.7	78.6	
October	66.4	76.3	68.8	65.3	752,636	949,785	643,041	571,346	553,289	753,848	501,315	451,164	73.5	79.4	78.0	79.0	
November	68.6	77.1	69.9	66.6	711,534	744,477	578,765	525,829	527,529	559,718	468,220	423,684	74.1	75.2	80.9	80.5	
December	68.1	75.9	70.4	66.7	645,093	599,891	482,382	544,733	465,087	451,178	403,459	456,020	72.1	75.2	83.6	83.7	
Total					7,823,698	8,617,159	6,765,349	6,117,620	5,904,533	6,423,177	5,338,690	4,814,637	75.5	74.5	78.9	78.7	
Average	68.1	72.2	69.9	66.1	651,975	718,097	563,779	509,801	492,044	535,265	444,891	401,220	75.5	74.5	78.9	78.7	

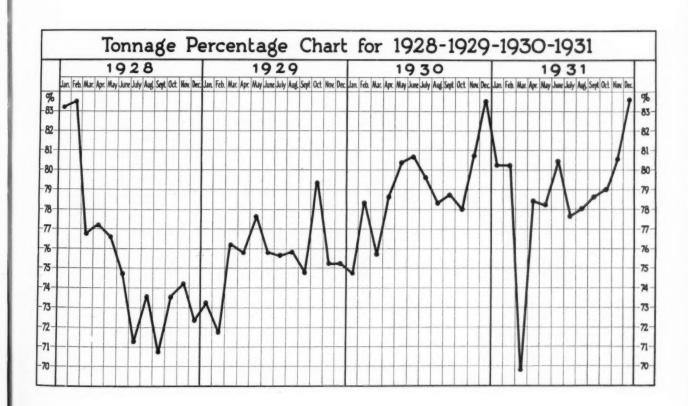


Table No. 2 Occupancy Percentages, 1928-1929-1930 -1931by States

a Includes Maine and New Hampshire.
b Includes Iowa.
c Includes Kansas.
d Includes Arizona, Utah, Nevada and New Mexico.

Does not include Arizona.

Includes Oregon,
Includes Oregon,
Includes New Hampshire,
Includes Maine,
Georgia 66.5; Florida 63.2,
Does not include Nevada.

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pancy figures are shown, month by month across the four years, in Table No. 2, occupying pages 14 and 15.

Tonnage

HE tonnage chart for 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931 is on page 13; and on the same page, in Table No. 1, are reproduced the figures, month by month, showing (a) total volume arriving at the reporting warehouses, (b) total volume entering storage, and (c) percentage of volume actually entering storage, the balance being delivered on ar-

This chart and the figures show that this past December was the peak month of the four years. During December 83.7 per cent of the arriving merchandise entered storage, the balance being delivered on arrival. The previous high mark is 83.6 per cent, recorded for both December of 1930 and February of 1928.

The average for 1931 is 78.7 per cent, which is two-tenths of 1 per cent off from 1930 average but is better than the marks recorded for either 1929 or 1928. Comparisons across the four years, average for entire country, are as fol-

1928 1929 1930 1931

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During 1931 the cooperating warehouses, the monthly average of these being 1,175, reported a total of 6,117,620 tons received, of which 4,814,637 tons, or 78.7 per cent, entered storage, the balance being delivered on arrival. The monthly average was 509,801 tons received, with 401,220 tons as the average entering storage.

The sustained interest which warehousing is showing in the compilation of these warehousing statistics is evidenced by the fact that whereas an average of 1,153 reported during 1928, the 1931 average was 1,176. In the first year, 1928, of this statistical effort, the warehouses reported monthly on occu-

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		Jan	nuary			Feb	bruary			M	larch	-		1	Aprii	
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Vermont-New Hampshire				. 75.5	5			. 69.4	4			. 83.0	0		-	-
Massachusetts		-		53.8	8			53.7	7			. 51.5	5		-	-
Connecticut-Rhode Island	71.1	1 63.3	3 53.3	3	. 59.1	1 63.3	3 54.0	0	. 55.7	66.6	57.7	7	. 52.2	2 65.7	7 59.3	-
Connecticut				59.8	8			65.4	1			60.3	3			-
Rhode Island				46.8	8			61.0				68.5	5		-	-
New York Met. District	66.8	8 55.4	80.6	61.4	72.1	1 55.3	71.4	58.2	79.3	64.7	69.7	59.6	80.5	76.5	-	-
Brooklyn	59.6	6 41.7	80.6	58.1	68.2	2 41.3	64.1	56.5	78.5	58.2	66.8	57.6	89.3	79.1	-	
Manhattan	79.8	8 67.0	82.5	71.1	78.3	67.6	79.6	65.6	78.2	66.8	74.9	67.6	77.7	68.8	-	-
Nearby N. J. and Others	71.8	8 72.7	79.7		75.5	72.5	79.4		81.6	75.0	70.1		82.4	-	-	-
Nearby New Jersey				53.5				50.2				50.8				
All Other				44.3				42.8				43.5				-
New York State	-	-	-	-	69.2	51.6	-		76.7	61.6		-	77.8	74.3	-	-
N. Y. State, except Met. Dist		-		67.4				65.4				66.0			1	62.2
New Jersey State			79.5		75.7	73.6	78.3		81.4	76.3	68.1		82.8	-	65.6	-
N. Jersey St , except Met. Dist.		72.0		64.3				63.1				64.8		40.0	-	60.4
Pennsylvania	-	-		65.7	66.6		64.3	66.0		72.0	71.2	63.7	71.6		72.7	-
Ohio	-		91.7	78.5	76.4		84.1	76.8	73.8	88.0	81.1	75.6	69.9	-	-	
Indiana	73.7		81.7	77.1	74.8		78.0	82.1	75.6	80.8	78.0	74.3	74.8		-	
Illinois	-		82.9		76.5	76.6	80.4		74.9	78.2	78.7	14.0	77.0		-	-
Illinois, except Chicago.	-	75.1		69.8	70.0	70.0	80.7	73.1	74.0	18.4	78.1	~a 0	71.0	78.7	-	-
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Chicago	77.6	-		77.9	77.8		83.1	76.1	76.7	78.7	80.3	75.0		79.1	-	-
Michigan	69.1	-		65.7	71.3	69.5	70.9	68.9	73.8	66.0	73.2	63.2	75.2	67.6	-	-
Wisconsin	77.5	-	78.3	56.8	80.7	85.0		55.9	86.2	85.2		57.2	88.1	84.5	-	-
Minnesota	b71.9	80.8	80.9		73.2	80.7	78.0		75.3	79.0	71.9		71.8	76.9	74.1	
Minn. exc. Minneapolis & St. Pl.				64.0				63.5				62.5				63.2
Minneapolis and St. Paul	72.2	-		81.4	73.8	81.7		79.1	76.2	79.8		74.0	72.5	77.5		69.6
Iowa		71.4	80.4	73.0	74.0	72.3	79.0	73.4	78.0	68.8	73.6	64.2	75.8	67.9	69.1	62.8
Missouri,	76.6	80.8	83.9		78.2	86.2	80.9		74.9	82.4	78.2		73.7	81.1	77.6	
Missouri except St. Louis				80.5				77.2				77.5				76.3
St. Louis	60.5	77.1		76.4	67.3	84.5		-	70.1			73.5	70.9	81.7	74.8	-
North and South Dakota	80.0	-	93.1								04.0		70.0	93.3	82.5	-
North Dakota	30.0			-				00.4			-	77.2			04.9	66.7
South Dakota		-	-	68.1		-		72.2		-	-	70.9				72.0
Nebraska	c80.3		-	-						-			71.2	69.8	-	
Kansas	280.3											-	-	84.8	-	-
Mansas	-			-			-	-			an a			-		
	60.0		58.3		-		64.3	-	-		-	g0 t		53.4	67.8	69.7
Delaware and Maryland	****			65.0		-	-	-			-					62.7
District of Columbia	70.0	-		72.0		-		-	PD 7	-		79.9			OF 8	74.6
Virginia and West Virginia	72.9		-	-	69.1	69.1	-	-	69.7	69.3			72.2	70.4	85.5	
Virginia							-									85.7
West Virginia				76.6				89.5				82.7				84.4
North and South Carolina	56.4	68.9	71.8	67.5	59.8	64.3	70.4	70.8	63.5	65.1	71.2	71.2	63.0	68.7	70.0	67.7
Georgia and Florida	71.4	83.1	73.4	72.0	71.2	82.7	74.0	72.2	71.4	77.8			70.9	76.0	62.0	71.1
Kentucky and Tennessee	73.2	76.0	69.2	73.2	78.5	74.3	68.4	74.6	66.7	74.6	59.6	70.3	68.3	76.8	71.2	68.5
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NEW ENGLAND (Total) Vermont and New Hamp Massachusetts Connecticut Rhode Island	55.3 95.1 54.0 71.4 41.6	56.0 68.8 53.7 80.2 45.2	25,152 124 17,339 5,944 1,745	15,437 83 8,952 3,951 2,451	18.5 3.9 19.1 27.9 8.6	11.6 2.6 10.2 18.6 12.0	2,969 1,937 852 180	4,070 3,298 557 215	2.2 2.1 4.0 0.9	3.1 3.7 2.6 1.1
MIDDLE ATLAN. (Total) N. Y. Metropolitan Dist. Total (1). Brooklyn. Manhattan. Nearby New Jersey. All other Met. Dist. N. Y., except Met. Dist. N. J., except Met. Dist. Pennsylvania.	62.8 64.0 60.4 62.5 71.7 77.9 58.0 57.4 59.1	61.4 62.4 58.0 62.6 69.7 77.6 54.5 57.0 60.0	146,346 115,529 47,561 16,650 43,903 7,415 8,602 948 21,267	101,415 71,942 35,721 7,194 24,921 4,106 8,330 661 20,482	19.8 20.4 14.6 21.9 28.9 58.2 12.0 11.2 23.1	13.7 12.7 10.9 9.5 16.4 32.2 11.6 7.8 22.4	8,469 2,258 1,685 148 425 3,415 118 2,678	8,979 2,245 1,764 155 326 3,320 81 3,333	1.1 0.4 0.5 0.2 0.3 4.7 1.4 2.9	1.2 0.4 0.5 0.2 0.2 0.2 1.0 3.6
E. NO. CENTRAL (Total) Ohio Indiana Illinois, except Chicago Chicago Michigan Wisconsin	70.8 70.8 72.6 74.2 71.1 71.3 61.9	67.8 66.6 72.8 73.6 66.6 68.5 61.8	91,938 18,965 5,621 10,406 28,409 23,599 4,938	73,727 17,763 6,136 5,284 24,763 15,409 4,372	18.8 15.8 13.0 45.2 20.7 18.3 14.2	15.1 14.9 14.2 22.4 18.0 11.8 12.5	19,912 8,723 1,201 1,639 3,071 2,884 2,394	21,174 10,161 1,280 1,591 3,321 2,697 2,124	4.1 7.3 2.8 7.1 2.2 2.2 6.9	4.3 8.5 3.0 6.8 2.4 2.1 6.1
W. NO. CENTRAL (Total) Minnesota, except Minne- apolis and St. Paul. Minneapolis and St. Paul. Iowa. Missouri, except St. Louis. St. Louis. North Dakota. South Dakota. Kebraska. Kansas.	69.1 74.8 78.5 62.5 63.2 67.8 85.6 70.4 59.3 65.7	67.1 76.7 77.7 61.7 62.8 65.2 83.3 62.7 54.2 59.5	577 21,193 9,012 10,744 5,042 4,030 534 5,644 5,424	51,077 665 18,619 7,947 9,113 5,420 1,286 2,768 4,692	22.2 6.9 27.0 25.1 22.0 10.9 33.2 8.2 18.9 39.1	7.9 24.0 22.1 18.6 11.7 10.7 8.0 9.5 33.8	979 4,049 2,775 1,471 927 158 260 1,577 979	13,393 1,037 5,053 2,709 1,312 295 138 398 1,246 1,205	4.7 11.6 5.2 7.7 3.0 2.0 1.3 4.0 5.3 7.0	4.8 12.3 6.5 7.5 2.7 0.6 1.1 5.6 4.3 8.7
SOUTH ATLANTIC (Total) Maryland and Delaware District of Columbia Virginia. West Virginia. North and South Carolina Georgia and Florida	55.3	70.7 68.7 78.4 60.7 79.4 78.5 69.4	25,257 11,938 1,726 1,737 1,117 1,368 7,371	45,048 20,259 1,859 1,556 1,463 8,209 11,702	14.2 12.2 18.2 12.7 13.6 5.5 30.3	25.3 20.8 19.6 11.3 17.8 33.3 47.5	11,030 1,578 1,755 735 804 307 5,851	8,682 1,104 2,010 517 827 561 3,663	6.2 1.6 18.5 5.4 9.8 1.2 24.0	4.9 1.1 21.2 3.8 10.1 2.3 14.9
SOUTH CENTRAL (Total) Kentucky and Tennessee Alabama and Mississippi . Arkansas . Louisiana . Oklahoma . Texas .	75.5 82.9	75.7 73.1 73.7 72.9 78.5 77.1 75.0	62,972 3,227 1,372 1,796 46,902 4,143 5,532	35,186 4,168 1,529 1,290 18,574 4,009 5,616	29.7 9.2 14.9 13.7 52.9 31.9 10.5	16.5 11.6 16.5 9.8 20.7 31.8 10.6	12,424 1,493 836 888 574 4,785 3,848	13,388 2,295 813 1,165 530 4,800 3,785	5.9 4.3 9.1 6.8 0.6 36.9 7.3	6.3 6.4 8.8 8.8 0.6 38.0 7.2
MOUN, and PAC. (Total) Idaho and Wyoming Montana Arisona and New Mexico Utah Colorado Washington Oregon California	59.7	67.8 71.8 86.3 69.6 62.1 70.5 70.1 61.3 67.8	42,155 181 156 501 2,396 2,300 5,151 10,008 21,382	40,203 107 717 520 1,876 2,727 4,317 9,462 20,477	14.4 5.1 3.5 5.7 32.3 11.7 17.0 39.9 11.1	13.9 3.0 16.0 5.6 25.3 13.3 17.7 38.5 10.5	20,734 382 115 396 81 1,836 2,240 9,615 6,069	20,417 88 236 455 140 1,614 2,287 9,827 5,770	7.1 10.7 2.6 4.5 1.1 9.0 7.4 38.3 3.1	7.0 2.5 5.3 4.9 1.9 7.9 9.4 40.0 2.9
TOTALS FOR UNITED STATES	66.7	65.8	456,020	362,093	19.6	15.6	88,713	90, 103	3.8	3.9

(1) Because of the importance of this territory, figures are shown separate from the State total. The figures for December have been revised; those for January are preliminary.

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pancy average 1,153. In 1931 the average of 1,390.

December-January

THE Government's table, released on March 22, showing final figures for December 31, 1931, and provisional figures for January 30, 1932, is published on page 16.

The Jan. 31 occupancy, average for entire country, is given as 65.8 per cent, or a drop of 1.9 from the Dec. 31 average. The January 31 figure, 65.8, compares with the previous four years' figures on corresponding dates as follows:

1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 Jan. 31... 67.6 67.9 74.6 68.9 65.8

During December, 544,733 tons arrived at the reporting warehouses. Of this volume, 456,020 tons, or 83.7 per cent, entered storage, the balance being delivered on arrival. During January the arriving volume totaled 452,196 tons, of which 362,093 tons, or 80.1 per cent, went into storage, the balance being delivered on arrival. This is a drop of 3.6 per cent. This decrease was not shared in two of the divisions, for in the South Atlantic section an increase of 14.5 per cent was reported, and in the Mountain section an increase of 3.5 per

cent. In the other seven sections the decrease was reflected.

The January average, 80.1, compared with the January figures of the four preceding years as follows:

1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 January 83.3 73.2 74.8 80.1 80.1

New York Wage Dispute Ends

AS this issue of Distribution and Warehousing goes to press it is announced that the labor wage dispute between the New York group of furniture warehousemen and van owners and their drivers, union members, has been settled. The controversy had been in progress several months.

The announcement of settlement is made by William T. Bostwick, chairman of the general committee handling the situation on behalf of the approximately 180 warehouse and van operators.

and van operators.

Further details will be published next month.

Hearings Early in April on Rail Storage Complaint Filed by Warehouse Group

HEARINGS in Part 6 of Ex Parte L04 of the Interstate Commerce Commission—the case involving the complaint filed by the Warehousemen's Protective Committee in the effort on the part of a group of independent cold storage and merchandise warehouse companies throughout the country to compel the railroads to discontinue warehousing operations—are expected to be begun on March 8 or March 10 in New York.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States, an organization which ante-dates the formation of the United States Government, has consented to the use of its grand ballroom in its building on Liberty Street, and the hearings will be held there. They are expected to extend across ten days or two weeks.

T. A. Adams, Sr., chairman of the Warehousemen's Protective Committee, and president of the Manhattan Refrigerating Co., New York, states that the committee's activities are being amply financed by contributions from the interested warehouse firms, now more than 200 in number. Some of these have joined the movement since discussion of the situation on the floor of the convention of the American Warehousemen's Association at Detroit in January.

When you ship goods to a fellow warehouseman—use the Monthly Directory of Warehouses.

American Warehouses Store World's Largest Package

Romance and Color in Moving



The famous World War painting outside one of the buildings of the Independent Warehouses, Inc., which safeguarded it for four years

THE largest single package ever brought across the Atlantic and probably the most bulky one which has ever found its way into a warehouse in the United States is at the moment in the safekeeping of the Guaranty Storage Co., Inc., Washington, D. C., after having lain for four years in storage with the Independent Warehouses, Inc., New York City. Its transferral from Paris to Havre, from Havre to New York, and now from New York to the national capital, were episodes in one of the most romantic and colorful moving jobs in the annals of public warehousing, and next year another chapter will be written, for the package is to be moved on to Chicago, where its contents will be displayed at the Century of Progress Exposition.

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The contents are the "Pantheon de la Guerre," an enormous cyclorama of the World War. This cyclorama, the biggest painting ever produced, was made by outstanding French artists during the World War period of 1914-18. For the guidance and inspiration of all peoples and posterity, it presents a correct landscape of the battlefields of France and Belgium as they were lined up during that historic struggle among nations. Of the painting, more later.

The main canvas is 402 feet in circumference, 134 feet in diameter, and

from edge to edge is 48 feet high. At top and bottom are borders for attaching the equipment (unseen by the public when the painting is on display) that holds the canvas in place, leaving 45 feet of actually painted surface in height. When rolled on its special one-piece spindle, placed in its cradle, wrapped in heavy canvas, and then hermetically sealed in a zinc-lined box which is moisture-proof and rat-proof, it weighs twelve and a half tons.

The cyclorama's movement from its home at 148 Rue de Université in Paris was started in 1927. The original plan was to float it down the Seine River from Paris to Havre. But the package, 10½ by 12½ by 55 feet, was too big for any Seine float and would not pass under the river's bridges. French freight cars are smaller than those in the United States, and one could not be found which would accommodate the package. So trucks and trailers were strung together and the shipment traveled overland to the seaport.

At Havre it was discovered that there was not a ship's hatchway big enough to accept the package, nor were the port's winches strong enough to operate. The movers had to hire floating derricks, which hoisted the package to the deck of the SS. Paris of the French line.

After crossing the Atlantic on the

Paris, the cyclorama was installed in Madison Square Garden, New York, and was displayed for eight weeks in the summer of 1927. No doorway was wide enough to permit entrance and it was necessary to punch a hole in the side of Madison Square Garden. And to display it properly it was necessary to build a special floor on the level with the fifth row of seats.

The display ended, the cyclorama went into storage in the Independent Warehouses, Inc.'s, building at 415-427 Greenwich Street. The owners, in France, desired to sell it, and American brokers set out to find a purchaser. Storage charges were going on—at the rate of \$350 a month.

Finally the American brokers contacted a group of New York and Washington showmen headed by the owner of a string of theatres. The group agreed to purchase the cyclorama, and in Washington is erecting, between the Capitol and the Union Station, a special building in which the cyclorama will be displayed—\$1 for adults and 35 cents for children—during the Washington Bicentennial Celebration. This building is to cost about \$80,000.

The next moving job was from New York to Washington. The package was too high to pass through the Holland

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Keynote and Highlight

Random Writings by the Editor

Motor Freight and Warehousing age Warehouse, Syracuse, N. Y., has just done something which the firm's president, Ray M. King, nationally known in warehousing—and a man whose judgment the industry respects—had for many months been contemplating. King has entered the motor freight line busi-

ness.

Under the title "King's Daily Motor Freight Service" the Syracuse warehouse company has established a new department-operation of a motor freight service to Binghamton, Elmira, Ithaca and twenty-five other cities and towns in New York, and to Bradford, Williamsport and other places in Pennsylvania, plus terminal and pick-up connections with various motor freight lines serving Rochester, Buffalo, Watertown, Utica, Albany, New York City and intermediate points. In Binghamton the new King organization has made connection with John B. Southee, Inc., another warehouse firm; and in Elmira with the Rodabaugh Trucking Co.

This motor freight department is the culmination of an idea which Ray King had been dreaming and talking for several years. Long ago he saw some handwriting on the wall-the establishing of motor freight line terminals, potential merchandise warehouse competition for his own storage business unless he himself went into the motor freight line business to forestall successful development of such terminals in his territory. Time and again, in conversations with fellow warehousemen at the industry's conventions, Ray has switched the subject around to motor freight line competition. He has talked rates, routes, policies, problems, with warehousemen who have had experience in motor freighting, and has listened to the theories of others who have scoffed at the possibility that motor freight terminals would ever seriously encroach on the business of established merchandise warehousing.

Then he went back to Syracuse,

separated the wheat from the chaff, studied, worked quietly on his plans—and, may we add, read everything which Distribution and Warehousing has been publishing on this subject.

Whereafter Ray reached the decision that the time had come to combat motor freight line competition in central New York before that competition set up in warehousing and took his storage business away from him.

Hence the establishing now of King's Daily Motor Freight Service, enabling Ray to provide shippers with a form of distribution which they are more and more coming to demand. The service in this instance is backed by responsibility—with all the responsibility which a long-founded reputable warehouse organization is in a position to offer. This in itself is a talking point when soliciting shippers for distribution and pool car business.

Motor freight lines which cannot give continued responsibility quickly pass into oblivion and bankruptey; news of such failures may be found in any newspaper almost any day. When a motor freight line is operated by a warehouse firm supported by a long record of integrity and financial stability, however, the picture changes. It is such an organization that the shipper selects in preference to what may prove to be a fly-bynight line of brief business life.

Ray King has set out to do what Ray Wagner has been attempting "Jack" Weicker in Coloin Ohio, rado, Ed Mooney in New England, A. B. Drake in New Jersey, and some others elsewhere-namely, to control the motor freight line business before the motor freight line interests get control of warehousing. Unfortunately for warehousing's protection, the "others" are too few in number-for in this day's paper we learn of numerous motor freight line operators setting up in warehousing, and in tomorrow's paper we shall learn of more doing the same thing.

But probably not in and around Syracuse.

Advertising Which Is Consulted distributors consult Distribution and Warehousing's advertising when selecting points for distribution? Do traffic and sales managers depend on that advertising and on the annual Warehouse Directory in guiding such

Queries like these are constantly being hurled at our business office and at the editorial staff. They are fair questions, and certainly storage executives are entitled to the correct answer.

selections?

In search of that answer the editor recently broadcast a letter of inquiry among the shippers who are on this magazine's subscription list. "Do you use the Directory and the warehouse advertising in regular issues to assist you in making warehouse connections and pool car shipments?" was one question we asked the distributors.

To the interested storage executives may we state that the replies coming in are overwhelmingly in the affirmative. These letters we are keeping on file and they may be consulted at any time by warehousemen. The replies are proof of conclusive character that warehousing's advertising in this business journal is read and consulted by those traffic and sales representatives who have "the say" in choosing warehouses to handle their products.

The responses are from men who have such titles as "general traffic manager," "traffic manager," "superintendent of distribution," "distribution manager," "sales manager," "assistant sales manager," etc., and the products represented include foods, sugar, candies, milk, soaps, furniture, rubber, drugs, medicines, paper and a varied assortment of other goods commonly distributed through warehouses.

"We refer to your latest monthly issue," writes a superintendent of distribution, "so as to make absolutely certain that we have not overlooked any warehouseman who might advertise in your publication. And we always keep on file

the annual Directory, which we use for reference."

A general traffic manager says: "We find your publication of material assistance in the general distribution of our merchandise. Your Directory issue showing warehouse listings is always kept handy for ready reference."

From a traffic manager: "I not only carefully peruse each issue upon its receipt, but do make use of it, particularly of the advertising section. I can unhesitatingly recommend Distribution and Warehousing, for I believe it to be a valuable asset to anyone interested in warehousing and distribution and traffic generally."

Says another traffic representative: "Your magazine is of especial benefit to us in locating a warehouse in some city in which we do not ordinarily store."

One traffic manager states that after referring to listings in the Directory he checks "the information therein against advertisements in the last issue of Distribution and Warehousing" when making selections.

"When we have need of a warehouse," to quote another traffic manager, "we always refer to the advertisements in your magazine."

An assistant sales manager writes: "We use your publication constantly as a reference book for information concerning warehouses all over the country."

Another traffic representative says his company relies on "DandW" "when making contacts for service in new places" and that "in fact, we would feel lost without the magazine."

"We use Distribution and Warehousing in the selection of warehouses for the distribution of pool cars or the maintenance of stock," states another traffic manager. "We know of no other publication which gives us such an unbiased selection and complete information for one who is seeking a warehouse connection."

Another says: "Our experience with warehouses secured through your Directory gives us confidence in selecting warehouses." This firm uses 150 warehouses all over the country.

Still another writes that he consults "DandW" "when it is necessary that we go in the market for inquiries regarding the possibility of opening up or changing any storage location."

"Almost all of our connections with warehouses and transfer companies are," another traffic manager assures us, "made through 'DandW.'"

The foregoing are sample quotations culled from the first batch of replies to the editor's letter of inquiry. We think they are convincing.

"Ear Marks of a Racket"

The same subject we cannot refrain from telling about a traffic manager who doesn't think much of the warehouse method of distribution. He has tried it, and in his opinion finds it lacking. To quote him:

"Our warehouse experience in a central western city and in an eastern city several years ago proved so unsatisfactory that we have never been sold on the warehouse idea and while we know that there is a great deal of merit in connection with the warehousing and distribution situation, we are still using our own warehouses in the different cities where we have branch offices.

"As advised, our experience several years ago was not so satisfactory, as it had all the earmarks of a racket and we have never been so strong for this service."

Here's a new thought, indeed—classing warehousemen as racketeers. This is the voice of a traffic representative who has evidently had disastrous dealings with second-raters in our industry.

Shades of George Lovejoy, Edwin Morton, Jacob Wagner, John L. Newbold, Frank Scobey! Of these and others who builded so constructively before they passed on.

And page the A. W. A. national advertising committee!

Depression and Judgment

THE OTHER DAY we got a letter from a farwestern merchandise and household goods storage firm which has been in business since 1896, without having joined one of the industry's trade associations. The company's secretary asked how to go about it to join such an organization with unquestioned "standing and rating in America."

In sending this correspondent the names and addresses of the secretaries of the A. W. A. and the N. F. W. A., we concluded:

"Association membership is essential in the business progress of a warehouse firm, and it is our conviction that you will take the right step by joining these two organizations."

Thirty-five years in business without association benefits and contacts! What's the explanation?

We have just asked a question that we won't undertake to answer, but we'll venture a guess—that the depression has stimulated mental inquiry. For a long time the executives of the company have been reading what the associations have been accomplishing for their mem-

bers, and now the firm's business has fallen off, is our thought, and the executives have a hunch they can get it back by "joining up," and they're probably right.

Which should be a hint to others in our warehouseman-reader-audience who have steered shy of association contact. Get busy and join. You can't lose!

The depression is tough, but business judgment is being awakened and readjusted, and the men who do keen thinking today will come out on top when the slough ends.

Furniture

WHAT CAN the household goods warehouseman do with furniture which accumulates through delinquent accounts? Our Detroit correspondent writes that J. J. Miller, vice-president and general manager of the Leonard-Detroit Storage Co., has found a solution of this problem—by placing in operation a "second hand" department devoted to the selling of old furniture and other items acquired in one way or another.

Year after year the warehouseman generally always has a small stock of such items. Normally they may represent the only possible source of profit on an individual account; the warehouseman has to take his chances of selling at auction and getting back part or all of the unpaid storage charges.

Bad accounts and abandoned furniture have within the past two years become liabilities of the first degree, in many warehouses, and no longer merely a minor overhead charge. And auctions have not proved so wholly satisfactory as formerly.

The Leonard-Detroit organization, confronted with an accumulation of goods so great as to threaten to destroy all profits if allowed to go on unchecked, recently set aside 15,000 square feet of floor space, in its main building, that otherwise would have been unccupied because of the business depression. Overhead of the "second hand" department is nonexistent. No special employees are required; the men who run the department are part of the normal labor, called in, when needed, to wait on customers.

Each class of goods is arranged by itself. Customers are allowed to come in and make their own selections. The store has not been extensively advertised but within a few months it has more than paid for itself, according to Mr.

And, best of all, the prices being obtained are notably higher than under the old auction system.

This looks like a good business tip.

WHAT'S WHAT IN NEW BUILDINGS

No. 132

Union Terminal Warehouse Lincoln, Nebr.

THE new Union Terminal Warehouse which was opened for business early this year in Lincoln, Neb.. embodies a number of features in construction and equipment designed to save time and labor which are of interest to the warehousing and distribution industry, especially in inland cities of the Middle West. Established after a careful survey of Lincoln as a distributing center, and containing many of the newest features of several large eastern warehouses as well as original points of construction particularly adapted to local needs, the structure has been laid out so that there is not a foot of wasted area in the entire 215,000 square feet of storage space and the 3000 square feet of office and display rooms.

The building, faced with red brick and trimmed with Bedford stone, departs sufficiently in design from the conventional warehouse to make it an attractive addition to the city's industrial section from the standpoint of appearances. The same attention that has been given to appearances on the ex-

terior is carried

out also in the street entrance-ways and offices. Tile is used throughout the entrances and lavatories, while the walls and ceiling of the offices are finished in white plaster, with battleship linoleum for the floors.

A plot of ground 377 by 145 feet is occupied by the three stories and full basement of the structure. The lowest insurance rates obtainable for a public warehouse prevail because of the metal doors and reinforced concrete construction used throughout.

The basement, with a ceiling height of 10 feet 6 inches and a no-limit floor-

loading capacity, is served both by elevators and incoming and outgoing truck ramps. So carefully was the building planned that storage is possible under the truck passageway and openings to the docks, which are on the first floor. A 6-foot 3-inch clearance is provided in this region.

The warehouse is in two sections, being entirely cut in half at the center to provide for expansion and contraction of the materials in the building.

The truck docks on the first floor comprise one of the outstanding features of the plant. Inside shipping and receiving platforms extend the length of the building and accommodate 17 trucks. These docks are arranged so as to facilitate to the greatest possible degree the handling of merchandise without congestion, this being made pos-

sible primarily by the saw-tooth construction of the docks. The trucks are backed in at an angle from the main passageway, leaving a clearance of approximately 16 feet for traffic. The unique arrangement makes it possible also to load or deliver goods either from the side or rear of the trucks.

Heavy timbers have been installed on the edge of the docks to cushion the trucks against damage from the substantial steel and concrete floor as they back into place. When the timbers wear out, bolts can be removed and new timbers bolted into place.

Doors to the passageway are opened electrically from the office of the floor superintendent, located in the center of the main floor. From a glass-enclosed cage the superintendent can see the doors

the main floor. Only the area directly behind his office, where the brick elevator shaft intervenes, is not visible from some part of his office.

and practically the entire floor space of

Three Montgomery elevators with a capacity of 8000 pounds each serve the four floors. A set of scales capable of weigh

pable of weighing up to 5000 pounds has been installed at the side of each elevator. Each elevator is equipped with micro-levelling apparatus, manufactured by the Montgomery company and the General Electric Company at Moline, Ill., assuring a smooth run from the elevator onto the floor. The elevators also are wired so that a man on the top floor, for example, can stand outside the elevator, push a button, and send the elevator down to the basement by itself.

The heating plant is entirely controlled by thermostats. Two Kewanee boilers, one heated by gas and the other

by oil, provide heat in event of a breakdown of either of the boilers. This arrangement also effects an economy in fuel by allowing the selection of either of the two heating mediums for active duty in accordance with which fuel happens to be cheaper at the time.

The basement and first and second floors are not heated, but the third floor is provided with thermostatically controlled equipment which gives any temperature desired. Steam-heated coils are caffied in overhead insulated conduits the length of the floor, the heat being dispensed through three radiator frames equipped with blower-type fans. The offices and display rooms are equipped with the conventional steam radiators.

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The office provides ample light and air

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Let's Take the Family Album Out of Storage!

Success Stories

No. 106 Buell G. Miller By K. H. LANSING



of Philadelphia, cannot fail to be impressed with the fact that they exemplify three outstanding characteristics of the Miller business itself, namely, solidarity, dependability and progressiveness. To Buell G. Miller, the man who guides the destiny of this enterprise, belongs the credit of developing it from a comparatively small yet thoroughly substantial beginning at the hands of his father, the founder, to its present highly efficient status as the largest organization of its kind in Pennsylvania.

The pioneering spirit of the late George M. Miller, who established the business 38 years ago as the North Broad Safe Deposit and Storage Co., housing it first in a small, non-fireproof building on the site of the present main office structure. Broad street above Lehigh avenue, has been carefully preserved and ably carried forward by his son, who has constantly busied himself in applying modern thought and methods in expansion.

The present president and treasurer of the company received his baptism in the business when he was only 18. Since early boyhood he had hopes and dreams of going

Miller household goods warehouse in which the main office is located. Neon vertical sign and clock, each of double-faced type, recently installed. Illuminated at night, this sign is 33 feet 6 inches high

through high school and college and entering one of the professions, being then, as now, studiously inclined. But his father becoming critically ill with pneumonia, it was incumbent upon young Miller to seize the helm and conduct the business throughout the period of his father's illness. This he did with much credit to himself. He carefully studied plans of management and would make his decisions at night at he lay on his couch He had been told that

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FROM THE LEGAL **VIEWPOINT**

LEO T. PARKER

Corporation Officer's Liability on Contract

ENERALLY speaking, a corporation officer is not liable on contracts signed for the corporation if the form of the signature indicates conclusively that it was intended to bind

the corporation.

For instance, in the recent case of Herbert H. Pape, Inc., v. Finch, 136 So. 496, suit was filed against the president and secretary of a storage company to collect payment of a promissory note for the sum of \$17,500, payable on or before one year after date, with interest at the rate of 8 per cent per annum from date. The note was signed "Broad Albin Storage Company, by Henry C. Finch, president, Millicent M. Finch, secretary," and payable to the order of Herbert H. Pape, Inc.

In holding the two executives not personally liable for payment of this note, the Court stated the following impor-

"Where signatures of individuals appearing immediately under the name of a corporation on an instrument are preceded by the word 'By' and followed by the words 'President' and 'Secretary,' respectively, such words indicate that the parties signed in a representative capacity, and the individuals so signing are not liable on the instrument, if they were duly authorized."

Bailee Entitled to Full Damages

THE law is well established that a bailee may sue in his own name and recover any and all damages resulting to stored goods through negligence of

third parties.

The reason why recovery by a warehouseman, or other bailee, is not confined to the amount of damages to his own particular interest in the property, committed to his care, was originally based on the theory that in case of the loss of stored property the warehouseman was bound to account to the real owner for its value, though there was no fault whatever on his part. This rule of the law is applicable with respect to all bailees.

For example, in the recent case of Terry v. Pennsylvania, 156 Atl. 787, it was shown that a broker delivered to a railway company certain merchandise which was damaged as a result of negligence by railway employees. The broker filed suit against the railway

company to recover full value of the destroyed merchandise.

It was contended by the counsel for the railway that as the broker's interest in the shipment amounted to only a small commission he should not be entitled to recover the value of the full damage.

However, it is important to know that the higher Court held the broker entitled to recover a judgment for the full amount of damages, and said:

"The same general rule is also applied to an action by a common carrier when property in its possession is damaged or destroyed by a negligent third per-. It seems clear that bailees such as the plaintiff can now sue for the recovery of any and all damages resulting from the negligent act of a third person whether the property committed to their charge be lost or merely dam-

Your Legal Problems

MR. PARKER answers legal questions on warehousing, transfer and auto-motive affairs.

There is no charge for this

service.

Write us your problems. Publication of inquiries and replies gives worth-while information to you and to your fellows in business.

An Owner Collects Both Insurance and Damages

ANOTHER important point of law is goods collects insurance from an insurance company for the value of merchandise destroyed, as a result of a warehouseman's negligence, the owner also may sue and recover damages from the warehouseman. So held a higher Court in the recent and leading case of Wells Thomas W. Garland, Inc., 39 S. W. (2d) 409.

The facts of the case are undisputed and show that the owner of a fur coat valued at \$750 delivered it to a warehouseman for storage and in return received a receipt placing the value of the coat at \$500 and noting charges in the sum of \$25. The receipt or contract contained the following language:

"Guaranteed Against Loss or Damage by Fire, Theft, Sprinklers, or Moths. In event of Damage only, caused by Fire, the undersigned will only be liable in the sum allowed them by Insurance Companies covering said property."

The warehouseman obtained an insurance policy protecting the coat against damage by fire. Later the warehouse caught fire and the coat was completely destroyed. The warehouseman attempted to avoid liability on the ground that it had obtained an insurance policy to protect it against loss from this source. However, it is important to know that the higher Court held that, although the owner of the coat had recovered insurance for loss of the garment, he was entitled also to recover damages from the warehouseman inasmuch as the warehouse receipt stated that the warehouseman would obtain insurance against damage only to the coat by fire. This Court said:

"We think the contract must reasonably be construed to mean that defendant [warehouseman] undertook to insure plaintiff [owner] against the loss of, or damage to, the coat by fire, theft, sprinklers, or moths, subject to the limitation that in the event of damage only -that is, in the event of anything less than the complete destruction of the coat, caused by fire-the liability of defendant to plaintiff would be measured by the amount recovered by it from its own insurance companies upon such . . . One who is to be held item. to indemnity for his own wrong or breach of legal duty will not be heard to ask that the damages otherwise recoverable from him be mitigated to the extent of the insurance collected by the injured party. Consequently, we are of the opinion that defendant [warehouseman] is in no position to ask that the damages for which it is liable be offset by the insurance money collected by plaintiff, even if payment has been made to him under his policy."

Note Valid When Given on a Debt

T is well established law that a properly signed and dated note is considered legal and enforceable, unless a debtor proves that the same is invalid. Another important point of the law is that a note given on any debt is valid and enforceable, notwithstanding the fact that the debt was contracted a considerable period before the note was issued.

For illustration, in Lucas E. Moore &

Co. v. Hursey Co., 137 So. 630, it was disclosed that a transportation company owed \$500. The debt became past due and the creditor requested the transportation company to give its note for the amount of the debt.

Later, when the creditor filed suit to collect payment on the note, the transportation company contended that the note was invalid because it was given on pre-existing debt, and not valid consideration. However, the higher Court held the note valid and enforceable, saying:

"It is shown, and not disputed, that this note was given in part payment of the account and that the account was credited up to the amount of the note. This pre-existing obligation of the defendant [transportation company] constituted a legal consideration for the note which embodied a valid binding obligation."

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IT is interesting to observe that in the recent case of New York Cent. R. Co. v. Public Utilities Commission, 175 N. E. 596, a higher Court held that in deciding whether a railway company is entitled to a certificate to operate motor trucks the Public Utilities Commission should solely consider whether such additional service will be beneficial to the public.

In this case it was shown that the New York Central Railroad Company filed with Ohio's Public Utilities Commission an application for a certificate of convenience and necessity to operate motor vehicles for the transportation of freight over a regular route between Cleveland, Toledo and Danbury, Ohio.

Although other owners of trucks had received certificates and were operating motor truck lines between these points, counsel for the railroad contended that the latter should be granted a certificate for operating its trucks because its trucking operations would be confined to the movement between stations, on its own line, where merchandise is received and delivered, and that such operation involves no pick-up or delivery service and is thus made a mere substitute for a more costly local freight train service. Also, it was pointed out that the proposed new route would not be in competition with the business of any existing motor transportation line, for the reason that if this freight were not hauled by trucks by the railroad it would be carried by its freight trains.

Notwithstanding this argument, the higher Court sustained the decision of the Commission refusing to grant the certificate, and said:

"The test of public convenience and necessity must be applied whether the applicant for a certificate to transport freight over the public highways of the State is a railroad company seeking to inaugurate so-called supplemental freight service over the public highways, or an

exclusively motor transportation company. The rule to be applied under existing statutes is the same and must be uniformly and universally applied and enforced. The best interests of and the most efficient services to the public do not require a greater number of motor trucks upon the highways of the State than are necessary to supply the public need for such transportation. The public benefit and not private benefit is of first and foremost importance. The rights and interests of the public are paramount."

Legal Custody May Be Implied

G ENERALLY speaking, a warehouse-tody of goods cannot be held liable for loss or damage to such goods. However, it is important to know that circumstances may exist under which a Court will imply that a warehouseman has legal custody.

For instance, in the late case of Galveston Co. v. American Co., 36 S. W. (2d) 985, it was shown that a shipment of merchandise was destroyed by fire while on a dock owned by a wharf company. The testimony disclosed that a steamship company had deposited the goods on the dock, although the wharf company had not actually accepted delivery.

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Further testimony disclosed that the steamship company had unloaded other shipments on the dock and that during the day all of these shipments except the destroyed shipment were taken possession of by the wharf company. In view of the fact that the wharf company had taken possession of all the merchandise excepting one shipment, and did not notify the steamship company of this fact, the Court held the wharf company liable, and said:

"In whose possession was the shipment of goods at the time of the fire?
.: Was the wharf company a common carrier as defined by law, and liable for the shipment destroyed by fire?
... It would be illogical to hold that the wharf company was merely the agent of the railway company and therefore not liable for the value of the shipment of goods destroyed by fire while in its possession. Logically it follows that the wharf company would be liable for the value of the shipment destroyed by fire."

When Carrier Selects Route

CONSIDERABLE controversy has existed from time to time as to whether a carrier has legal option to select the longer of two routes over which a shipment shall be made, providing the rate is the same.

In the late case of Great Northern Ry. Co. v. Delmar, 51 S. Ct. 579, the Supreme Court of the United States held that a railway company, or other common carrier, does not have a legal

option of transporting merchandise over a longer of two possible routes, but it is required to pay the tariff rate plus the proportional rate when it is shown that the rate to intermediate destinations of the longer route is greater than the through rate from the point of shipment.

In this case it was disclosed that a railway company, instead of routing shipment over a short route, selected the longer route, which involved passage through congested railroad terminals in a city where incidental traffic difficulties and delays were encountered which would not have been encountered had the short route been selected. The difference between the two routes in mileage varied about 15 per cent. The carrier collected its local rates from origin points to the terminal, plus a proportional rate of 6.5 cents beyond. The combinations of rates so charged were higher than the through rates specified in the tariffs from these points to a place of destination.

In holding that the short route should have been utiltized, the Court said:

"The railway maintains that in the circumstances here presented the tariff may not be so construed as to render the specified through rate applicable to shipments by way of Minneapolis. This would be contrary to established custom. and would occasion violation of the long and short haul clause of the interstate commerce Act. The Commission has repeatedly decided that, where two or more routes are 'open,' which means that in the judgment of the Commission none of them is unreasonably circuitous, the shipper has the option as to route, at the quoted rate, in the absence of a contrary statement in the tariff. . . In this situation we think the tariff should be construed as applying only to the shorter route, and not as giving the shipper the option between the two routes at the through rate. This conclusion is in accord with the principle that, where two constructions of a written contract are possible, preference will be given to that which does not result in violation of law."

Legal Status of Search Warrant

I T is well established law that unless a search warrant is properly written and based on actual facts the higher Court will reverse a judgment rendered against a person who is found "guilty" on charges relative to possession of stolen goods.

For example, in the late case of People v. Sovetsky, 175 N. E. 844, it was disclosed that an employee of the Marks Express & Teaming Co. drove a truck, from the company's warehouse in Chicago, loaded with merchandise collected from a number of shippers and consigned to various merchants in the city. Four men jumped from an automobile standing at the curb, approached the truck and, pointing a revolver at the employee, commanded him to drive the truck into an alley. The employee

obeyed and was then ordered to enter the automobile. As he was taken from the scene of the crime he observed that the truck was driven east. Immediately after he was released he reported the loss to one of his employers.

Later it was believed that the goods were located, and a search warrant was issued giving the supposed location and it was believed that the "goods and chattels or a portion thereof are now concealed in the first, second floors and basement of a building, and the garage in the rear, at [street address designated] in Chicago," and that the reason for this belief was that "reliable information that the above described property was concealed in the above described premises" had been received.

In the complaint made by the warehouseman, and in the search warrant issued upon that complaint, the property to be seized was described as one bale heavy brown overcoating woolens, five electric irons, and "other articles of merchandise too numerous to mention."

In holding the search warrant not sufficient to justify a search of the property, and in holding the person accused of receiving the stolen goods not guilty, under the circumstances, the Court said:

"No search warrant shall be issued unless the judge has first been furnished with facts under oath-not suspicions, beliefs or surmises, but facts which, when the law is properly applied to them, tend to establish the necessary legal conclusion, or facts, which, when the law is properly applied to them, tend to establish probable cause for believing that the legal conclusion is right. The inviolability of the accused's home is to be determined by the facts, not by rumor, suspicion, or guesswork. . . The goods to be seized under a search warrant must be described with such certainty that they may be identified and with such particularity that the officer charged with the execution of the warrant will be left with no discretion respecting the property to be taken. Manifestly, the description other articles of merchandise too numerous to mention' was not a compliance with the constitutional require-

Silence Not Construed as Necessarily Consent

U NDER certain circumstances silence on the part of a warehouseman may result in a Court holding that he consented to a proposition submitted and to which he failed to answer. However, under ordinary circumstances, silence does not indicate anything.

For illustration, in the late case of Whorley v. Patton-Kjose Co., 5 P. (2d) 210, it was shown that a warehouseman received a letter to which he failed to make reply. Later it was contended that silence, or his failure to answer, was a legal consent to the proposition or offer submitted in the letter.

In refusing to uphold this contention, the Court said:

"The mere fact that a person received a letter containing false statements of fact does not impose upon him an obligation to reply or to protest the falsity of the statement, and the omission to answer such a letter has no probative value as tending to show an admission of the matters stated."

Conditional Contract Superseded Mortgage

It is well known that a seller of merchandise may legally specify in the sales contract that the title to such merchandise remains in the seller until paid for by the purchaser. If this contract is recorded it may supersede a subsequent mortgage.

For instance, in the late case of Dauch v. Ginsburg, 297 Pac. 66, it was shown that a seller entered into a conditional contract of sale with a purchaser. By the terms of this contract the seller retained title to the goods until fully paid for by the purchaser.

Subsequently litigation developed between the holder of a mortgage and the seller of the goods. The holder of the mortgage contended the mortgage was prior because he had no knowledge of the conditional contract of sale. Notwithstanding this argument, the higher Court held the seller's rights prior, and said:

"The owner of personal property has the right to make an agreement to sell the same and deliver possession thereof to the buyer, upon the condition that the title thereto shall nevertheless remain in the seller until the price agreed on has been fully paid and the title so withheld by the owner until full payment be superior to that of a subsequent mortgage or purchase of such personal property from the buyer, even if such subsequent mortgage or purchase was made without knowledge or notice of the reservation of title and paid full value for the property."

Receiver's Power Defined by Court

A RECEIVER appointed for a motor truck transportation line operating as a common carrier in interstate commerce has authority to operate the business of the company throughout the Federal Court circuit in which he is appointed, District Court Judge Ernest A. O'Brien, Detroit, decided on March 10 in an opinion handed down in the case of Interstate Motor Freight Corp.

The opinion following a hearing on petition by the receiver, John F. Ivory, president of the John F. Ivory Storage Co., Inc., asking for instructions regarding his duty with respect to the Ohio as-

When you ship goods to a fellow warehouseman use the Monthly Directory of Warehouses. sets of the Interstate. Mr. Ivory had been appointed by Judge O'Brien, and the question involved was whether Mr. Ivory's authority was limited to the Federal Court district in which the appointment was made, or to the circuit.

This was said to be the first case of its kind to come before the Detroit District Court.

Space Allocated by an Agreement

LEGAL EDITOR, Distribution and Warehousing: Upon request of a customer we allocated 21,000 square feet of floor space for the storage of 7500 bales of cotton. It was understood at the time request was made for space that 7500 bales would be placed in storage, but we were to receive a stipulated amount for each bale per month.

During the first month only 3000 bales were placed in the warehouse. Have we the right to invoice this party for the maximum amount of 7500 bales for the first month?—Independent Warehouse Company, Inc.

Answer: If, when the agreement was made, your customer agreed to pay for 21,000 square feet of floor space, or agreed that you allot this amount of space for storage of cotton, then you are entitled to recover for this amount of space required to store 7500 bales of cotton, although during the first month only 3000 bales were placed in the warehouse.

Of course, if the customer agreed to pay only a stipulated amount per bale, without authorizing you to allot 21,000 square feet of floor space, or without agreeing to pay for this quantity of space, you cannot recover payment for the same.

In a contract of this nature the controlling factor is whether in the original agreement both contracting parties understood that 21,000 square feet of floor space was to be allocated and held over for storage of cotton. If so, the customer is liable for full payment; otherwise he is liable only for the number of bales actually stored.

Newark Firm Buys

Carl Gerdau of New York has sold the two-story frame factory building on a plot 200 by 75 feet at 234-48 Colden Street, northwest corner of Fremont Street, Jersey City, N. J., to the Public Warehouse Corporation of 60 Park Place, Newark. The buyer gave the seller a mortgage for \$25,000 in part payment.

Carroll Leases Plant

The Trowbridge Storage Warehouse, Columbus, Ohio, has been leased by the proprietor, Jay Trowbridge, who established the business forty years ago, to a son-in-law, Paul R. Carroll, who assumed active charge on March 1. Mr. Carroll was formerly identified with the lumber business in Columbus.

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Contractors'

THE primary income of the warehouse is the revenue from storing goods. This item does not, however, cover the total income. For, as secondary sources are handling and trucking, which all houses do, and there are such irregular sources as providing heat and light and power, furnishing labor for repackaging and for manipulation of merchandise within the house.

The most profitable warehouses seem to be those which enjoy a diversity of income. Time after time has an experienced warehouseman remarked to me some-

thing of this sort:

"No location is perfect. No matter where you build the house, the city will have some customers who find it inconvenient and who will patronize a competitor because he has a better location—better, that is, for them. And no one kind of building is best for all purposes. Several buildings, of different construction and offering space of less value and less protection, sometimes meet the demand better than a modern one with every convenience."

To that feeling I would, from observation of the in-

dustry, add:

"Watch out not to slip into ruts. Unless your house is highly specialized, turn your thoughts occasionally to the old woman who put all her eggs into one basket." A specialized house deliberately concentrates its ef-

forts upon one commodity or one type of goods, as a tobacco or coffee or cotton warehouse; a flour or rice

or broomcorn house; a warehouse at a port city or a transit house for bulk goods in an interior city; an implement storage at such a market as Huntington or Knoxville, Council Bluffs or El Paso, Ogden or Billings; or an automobile "storager" in Detroit or Los Angeles. But the ordinary warehouseman knows little of specialization. He takes into store what happens to come along, which means that his space is principally filled with packaged goods for grocery and drug stores, hardware and chain stores. He may have one of the refrigerator makers as an "account" or a linoleum plant or an insulating board mill, but chiefly he handles those faster-moving commodities of daily consumption by a hundred and twenty million people.

Often, while showing a guest through his house, such a warehouseman will point out some lot of goods and

remark:

"Here's a queer thing to find in a warehouse. They came to us quite by accident." Then he relates the circumstances. "They're a local concern who've built up a nice little business, and they're keeping down their overhead. About once a week they'll take on every man we have about the place for one day's work, and the day will run far into the night. They pay us well, time-and-a-half for overtime and for Sundays and all that, but they save money by it. It's the very best account we have in the house for profits. Wish we had twenty of them."

FOR the present we shall consider only one group of such "accounts." It will be our purpose to take up others at another time.

The ones just now uppermost in mind are a few rather unusual items used by contractors, mostly in demand at such irregular times that a contractor is not justified in owning the equipment, but profits most by leasing it from the manufacturer for a short time and then returning it. Many devices of this class, as a matter of fact, are not for sale to the contractor. The maker puts them out only on lease, much as shoe machinery is marketed. The manufacturer owns the equipment all the time, deriving his income by collecting a so-called royalty" upon the quantity of material which the contractor "runs through." This "royalty" will be computed on yardage or tonnage or some like basis.

A familiar illustration is the collapsible steel inside casing used as "forms" for concrete work of large tun-

A city's trunk line sewer, San Fran-

cisco's water line from Hetch Hetchy, or Los Angeles' similar one from the mountains 200 miles away, New York City's great aqueduct to bring Catskill water 120 miles to the city—these are famous examples. Your own city, however, furnishes others, as when a brook which meanders across the city is jacketed within a tunnel in order to create building sites, or when an eight-foot main sewer is built. The construction of a subway system, or one of the great tunnels beneath the Hudson River, calls forth a striking example.

The vehicular tunnels, or those of the railroads, in and about New York are twenty feet and more in diameter. New York's aqueduct, which is at places more than a thousand feet underground and at one place crosses the Hudson River thirteen hundred feet beneath the placid surface of that stream, is seventeen feet inside diameter—so huge that when an inspection is to be made the flowing water is allowed to drop about half way down and the inspectors go about in a sixteen-foot motor launch!

Examples of size might be multiplied. The trunk-line sewer of your own city is quite large enough to show why the usual "forms" of pine boards are out of the question. The labor of setting up "forms" of lumber would be too costly. Moreover, for huge weights of concrete such as required for these large diameters, timbering could hardly be erected rigid enough to support the pressure without warping. If it does warp, the tunnel is imperfect and will not be "accepted" by the engineering department.

To overcome this difficulty, invention has given us several patented brands of collapsible steel inside casing. These are of heavy sheet steel, a half-inch and thicker, shaped at the mill and cut into plates six or eight or ten feet square. They are shipped knocked-down and nested, and, at the job, are easily bolted together into a "form" of the desired diameter. After the concrete has set, the inside casing is removed by loosening the bolts, dragged ahead to the next section of the work, and re-used.

All makers of such devices, as I understand, lease at a given rate per running foot of tunnel. The contractor who might purchase enough of the inside casing for a big contract would, upon completion, have left on his hands a useless lot of costly steel. He is better off to pay a "royalty"-even though it be a stiff one-for the work actually done than to tie up capital where it may never again be required.

This is but one illustration.

Other Items

ONE much like it is the similar forms Used by telephone and telegraph companies for building the "manholes" along their lines where the wires are laid underground. Either for an underground line on a city street or for one of their new transcontinental long-distance services these companies will be actively at work one place this year and far away at another next year. For their long-distance lines work will be in progress over a wide area in spots where each "construction gang" works to connect up with the two at each end of its "section."

Yet another example may be found in jacks for heavy work. Lift jacks, shoring jacks, together with less familiar heavy equipment, are used only infrequently in any city. They are extremely expensive tools for the con-

tractor to own.

And, if he does invest in them, he engulfs himself in the woes of "lending" to others for occasional jobs. He is, however, saved the trouble, because the manufacturers meet the situation in their own way. They let out the tools, on a scheduled basis, for each contract. The contractor returns them when he is through using.

Here is another illustration.

I have recently been told that a concern is about to come into the market with "circus seats." These are constructed on steel frames rather than of timber. They are to be leased for bleachers and similar emergency seating at athletic contests, picnics, barbecues, etc. They may be set up over the sidewalk as "grand stands" for parades and carnivals. By a clever device, which is patented or to be patented, the seats will have a comfortable back-rest as well as a foot-rest in front.

Yet another for the contractor.

In road building, especially where concrete is used, some sort of provision must be made for expansion and contraction of the roadbed. To meet this, we have a handful of patented devices generally spoken of as "expansion joints." They are of many materials, but usually a strip of steel is the foundation.

When a road is to be built the makers of these "expansion joints" ship them in carloads, cut to mill lengths. With some brands, the steel and the cushioning material are separately shipped from different mills and "assembled" near the work. In any case, it is necessary to cut the "joints" somewhere near the work, because it would be too expensive to blue print a mile of roadway

and specify to an inch the length of every "joint." A curve or a slight change in level makes the difference of two or three inches in length of the "joint" and there are many spots where a dozen short lengths must be substituted for one twenty-foot piece.

If this product were used only for new construction of open roads, the manufacturer's problem would be simple. He would make factory shipments for each job. But it is not so plain sailing as that. It is necessary to have "joints" conveniently available for repairs on the road. These repairs occur almost every week-as where an accident occurs; where high water washes out a stretch; where the trolley line lays

Next Month:

HOW and why the county farm bureau is a local organization which often controls storage accounts which should be profitable to public warehouses is the theme of Mr. Haring's "New Business" article to appear in the May

And in the June number the author will point out another potential account burial vaults; forty-one warehouses have reported this one commodity to him as having come to them during 1931 for storage!

new ties or rails; where a sewer connection is put in; where the gas line develops a leak and must be torn up; where a farmer's tractor tears up a piece of the pavement, etc.

Therefore, the manufacturer or his jobber requires right at hand a stock of "joints" which must be cut to length to fit any need. To await factory shipment is out of the question, and, indeed, it is customary when writing the specifications for a paving job to require that the maker of this patented device shall make due provision for continually servicing the installation.

One more.

The pine board as "form" for pouring concrete has many rivals. To set up the boards and tear them down, remove nails and recondition for the next placement create a mounting labor charge.

Among the substitutes is the use of insulating board, pressed to unusual strength at the mill. At lest one of the principal makers of insulating board has an architectural and engineering division which contracts to prepare and set up "forms" for concrete pouring. Their competitors are sure to follow. Here, then, is another item of contracting which will require spot stocks and, for each job, a manipulation of the

Another item of contractors' use would be found in heavy wire cables and ropes, manufactured in innumerable diameters and yet more variety of "strand" and "winding" to fit diverse Wherever facstrains and tensions. tories are found there also will be found a demand for cables. They must be stored where it is dry. The reels are awkward to handle, they weight tons and tons, and, for uncoiling and shearing off, special racks and tools are necessary. They fit perfectly into a warehouse with ample ground floor or basement space, especially for the reason that the weights are often too great for the permissible floor-load of upper stories of the house.

But here I shall quit. No more examples will be named. There must be, also, many that have not come under my eye, both in the warehouses and out.

side.

The Opportunity

EACH product of this character, for use of contractors, displays several things in common.

Each requires spot stocks. Each involves more or less manipulation by workmen before leaving the house. Many of them-those let out under leasing arrangements-require also manipulation after return to the house. They must be cleaned up, the damages of use and abuse made good. They must be reconditioned for next trip out.

Each of them has very irregular activity. Some customer may want a truckload of the equipment for six months, or only for a week, and then for another six months the entire lot may stand on the warehouse floor gathering dust. Such items as "expansion joints" and "forms" for concrete, either steel or insulating board, will have periods of feverish activity alternated with quiet spells.

Each of them, too, is for use by contractors.

Contractors use a saying like this: "The money's made in laying out the Careful planning, in a word, is the secret of profits. Haphazard employment of the working force, on the job, is ruinously costly—as, indeed, anyone can observe for himself as he stumbles on jobs in process.

These men have learned, therefore, that the less of their work done out in the open, "out on the job," as they put it, the lower the cost of finishing the contract. Outside they contend with weather interference, with traffic interruptions, with a thousand things to distract men's minds from the work. Most of all do they face the problem of supervising scattered groups of men. Even foremen fail to hold men up to such continuous labor as is possible inside.

The more of their work they can bring under a roof, the better off they are. Much of what we have called "manipulation" in the warehouse falls within this category. The "expansion joint," which is cut to length and assembled inside, costs less per yard than the same product handled out in the open; weather stripping cut and fitted at the warehouse costs less to install than

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AMONG the causes of the loss of rail traffic to the highways are packing restrictions, incomplete movement, fixed schedules, terminal delays and complex classification, and rate structures.

The fact that many railroads have been slow to coordinate aggressively their facilities with those of road transportation has permitted a vast system of inter-city motor transport to be developed successfully.

Motor freight service has advanced because of various other causes. Among these are:

1. Demands for better service due to keener industrial competition.

2. Efforts to reduce expenses commensurate with good service.

3. Maintenance of lower inventories. The "through movement" for the large majority of shippers by rail involves collection and delivery to and from the rails. Inter-city motor freight service rates are approximately commensurate with rail l.c.l. cnarges, and under reasonably well organized conditions permit a satisfactory profit.

The foregoing facts mean that the cost to the shipper by rail for the "through movement" amounts to the rail rate plus the cost of collection and delivery, while the cost by truck approximates the rail charge and eliminates the charge for collection and delivery. The cost to the shipper for a distance of 100 miles is more than 50 per cent greater by rail than by truck.

It is obvious, therefore, that the choice of the shipper rests in ever-increasing volume with the highway carrier. With lower packing costs and simpler classification, the trend has been definitely away from the railroad.

According to studies made by F. J. Scarr, of the Scarr Transportation Service, New York, approximately 75 per cent of all l.c.l. and adaptable l.c. freight

moving within a distance of 200 miles is now transported by motor truck. This percentage is greater for shorter distances and for particular conditions.

A chart prepared by Mr. Scarr, and reproduced on the opposite page, shows in "cents per hundredweight" the comparative cost of handling freight for various distances, and by various means,

Some Seasonal Suggestions

- It is a good plan to change spark plugs and ignition wiring every 10,000 miles.
- The radiator hose may appear right on the outside
 —but may be causing over-heating trouble through flaking on the inside.
- 3. An ounce of prevention now, through easy adjustments, may save the cost of a major overhaul later on. Inspect regularly.
- Now is the time to change the winter lubricants.
- 5. Radiator flushing at periodical intervals will keep the cooling system free of scale, sludge and rust. They cause over-heating and sometimes expensive radiator repairs.

from the shipper's door to that of the consignee. These means are:

A. "Coordinated Car"—meaning an organized collection and delivery service cooperating fully with the present rail methods, but with improved service.

B. "Container Car"—meaning an organized and a complete service utilizing containers or interchangeable truck bodies.

These are compared with motor truck costs operating under reasonably well

organized conditions and rendering "complete service."

- C. Five-ton truck.
- D. Five-ton truck and trailer.
- E. Tractor, semi-trailer and trailer.

Characteristic of these costs are high terminal costs and low line-haul costs for the railway methods, causing the curves to mount slowly with distance. The highway vehicles, having lower terminal costs, start below the rail costs, but mount much more rapidly with distance, because of higher line-haul costs, and intersect the rail curves at theoretically equal competitive points.

These costs indicate the points of economic competition. Below 110 miles it is more economical to use the 5-ton motor truck than the "Coordinated Car" rail method, while for the "Container Car" this point is about 70 miles. The 5-ton truck and trailer cost less than the "Coordinated Car" below 195 miles and less than the "Container Car" for distances below 130 miles. The tractor, semi-trailer and trailer, when well organized, compete favorably with present rail methods for distances well beyond those shown on the chart and with the "Container Car" method up to about 220 miles.

Considering average l.c.l. rates as applicable to both rail and truck, which are erroneous only to the extent that the motor truck avoids the lower classifications, the truck can operate profitably up to 60 miles, the truck and trailer up to 150 miles, and the tractor, semi-trailer and trailer almost indefinitely. The "Coordinated Car" does not begin to pay until about 270 miles, while the "Container Car" begins to pay at about 110 miles. Considering rail costs on the "out of pocket" basis only, these mileages can be reduced to 65 and 30 respectively.

The accompanying chart was used by Mr. Scarr in a recent address before : d

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TRANSPORTATION

by F. Eugene Spooner

the Transportation Club of Toronto. In his talk Mr. Scarr emphasized that many aggressive and intelligent efforts had been made by the railways to effect coordinated truck and rail facilities, and in that connection he showed that in 1931 some 2500 additional motor trucks had been placed in service. These are in use directly or indirectly by some 85 carriers.

As an example of coordination, reference was made to the Pennsylvania Railroad. This road has placed the motor truck in pedler train substitution, its growth in this type of service amounting to 49 routes, covering 1770 route miles daily and saving approximately \$1,335,000 annually.

This railroad is using also the coordinated demountable truck body plan, having started such service in November, 1931.

Fixed Charges and Good Despatching

WHEN it is considered that of every dollar spent in motor haulage service about 45 cents goes for fixed charges, the importance of keeping each vehicle busy the maximum time in payload work becomes strikingly apparent.

The trucking dollar, according to a recent survey, is apportioned as follows:

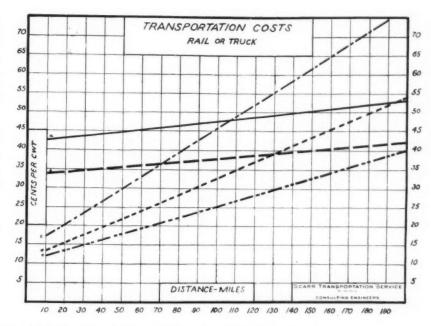
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Good despatching recognizes the fact that idle time is costly and that mileage wasted in non-payload operation is equally expensive.

Trucks standing idle at the platform in the morning waiting for loads that could have been placed thereon during the night represent one form of wasted time which few haulers can afford to overlook.

Similarly, aimless routing of deliveries making necessary wasteful coverage of a territory is a profit-taker.

By instructing the drivers to keep in touch with the office by telephone regularly throughout the day, not only will



the office be able to keep track of each truck's work, but will be in a position also to instruct the drivers on necessary pickups that must be made along their routes. This is an important phase in despatching because it manifestly cuts down operating costs through the elimination of additional trucking service and moreover makes those trucks on their routes more profitable because of the return loads.

Commission Ruling Attacked

The Western Motor Transport Co., Toledo, has filed a suit in the Ohio Supreme Court challenging the decision of the Ohio Public Utilities Commission refusing to grant the plaintiff a certificate to operate in interstate traffic on the ground of highway congestion.

The plaintiff contends that the Commission is without right to deny a certificate to an interstate trucker, and also that highway congestion has not been proved.

The outcome of this action will importantly affect trucking operations through Ohio.

When you ship goods to a fellow warehouseman use the Monthly Directory of Warehouses.

Wheel Alignment, Brakes and Tires

AMONG the many items to check this spring, brakes and tires are two of the outstanding in importance. Strange to say, however, many operators fail to realize that in the adjustment of brakes and the mounting of new tires they should inspect also the wheels for correct alignment. All three of these items are closely related because each has a bearing on the successful operation of the others.

For example, it is important, especially in front wheel tire mountings, that the brakes on those wheels are equalized. Otherwise, skidding is apt to occur and uneven wear will result. Conversely, equalized brakes are not apt to give correct results when unmated tire treads are used. Braking efficiency is greatly hampered when a new tire is used on one wheel while one with a completely worn tread is used on the other.

Wheel alignment has an important bearing on the question of tire life. When the wheels are out of alignment, more wear will be exerted on the tires on one side than on the other. It is therefore necessary for safety and long mileage life that all new tire mountings be accompanied by an alignment check.

California Certificated Carriers Urge Commission to Regulate All Operators

LACK of regulation of contract motor carriers in California was the cause of the "grievous situation" with which the certificated carriers found themselves, it was declared by witnesses for the certificated operators at the recent investigation by the California State Railroad Commission into freight transportation conditions.

This situation, the witnesses asserted, according to a review of the hearing issued by the Commission at San Francisco on March 14, was due not to the business depression, but to "ruinous rate cutting" by unregulated truck operators, to a lack of responsibility upon their part in the proper care of goods entrusted to them, and to forcing their drivers to work for such prolonged and continuous hours that their presence on the highways constitutes a serious menace to other traffic on the roads.

Motor carriers under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission, it was testified, could not meet these competitive conditions even if it were possible to do so, as their rates are fixed by the Commission and under the law they cannot work their drivers for longer than 10-hour shifts and the rules of the Commission hold them to strict accountability for goods entrusted to them.

Witnesses declared also that the operation of economic law forces the contract hauler to become in fact a common carrier if he desires to remain in business. This was explained by the necessity to which the contract hauler finds himself put to obtain goods for his back haul if his operation is to be profitable.

In soliciting goods for this back haul, it was testified, the contract hauler is forced into the position of soliciting freight where and from whom he can get it, thus offering his services in fact if not in law to the public as a common carrier.

Present Methods Criticized

The present method of attempting to stop illegal truck operations along the highways was described by witnesses as "clumsy and ineffective" and easy to defeat through nominal changes in truck ownership on the part of the illegal operator.

Criticism was voiced of the present plan under which complaints of alleged unlawful operation are filed with the Railroad Commission by certified carriers before action is instituted. Witnesses declared that this placed an undue expense burden upon the certified carrier, which in many cases he was financially unable to assume. They contended that the obligation to enforce transportation laws rested upon the State and not the individual.

To accomplish this latter purpose the establishment by and within the Railroad Commission of a board of inquiry and investigation was recommended.

Other recommendations made by witnesses for the certificated carriers include the following:

Recommendation for legislation by which all truck operators for hire along the public highways would be brought under the jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission.

Recommendation that the law forbidding certified carriers to work their drivers for more than 10-hour shifts be expanded to include all operators of a trucking service.

Recommendation that the authority of the Railroad Commission be expanded to permit it to establish minimum rates for motor trucks, to which all classes of motor transportation for hire would be subject.

Recommendation that double penalties be imposed upon transferee who accepts operation after a cease and desist order has been issued by the Railroad Commission and who fails to obey such order.

New Diamond T 11/2-Ton

The Diamond T Motor Car Co., Chicago, has announced a 6-cylinder 1½-ton truck embodying heavy-duty construction. Known as Model 210, it sells for \$595 for the standard chassis, the lowest price ever offered by Diamond T.

The new 1½-ton is marked by streamline appearance, in black set off with hood, cowl, wheels and cab finished in a rich shade of red. It has a speed capacity of 50 to 60 miles an hour; 4-wheel brakes; full-floating rear axle with double Timken wheel bearings centered directly above the tires; Lockheed internal expanding hydraulic brakes on all four wheels; single plate clutch; 4-speed transmission in unit with the motor; and cam and lever type steering.

Tape Simplification

It is announced by the division of simplified practice of the Bureau of Standards that simplified practice recommendation R114-30, covering No. 1 Kraft paper sealing tape, has been reaffirmed by the standing committee of the industry, without change, for another year.

The recommendation, which has been in effect since Feb. 1, 1930, provides a simplified schedule of widths and lengths of rolls of plain and printed tape made from 35, 60 and 90-pound basic paper, together with tensile and tear requirements for 60-pound tape, which is commonly used for sealing fiber and corrugated shipping containers. It provides also for testing methods, packaging, and marking of this commodity.

Moore in Florida

George P. Moore, president and treasurer of Moore's Storage Warehouse, Inc., Bridgeport, Conn., is spending the winter at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Federal Judge Issues an Order to End Intimidation

NITED STATES Judge Charles E. Woodward in Chicago granted a temporary restraining order on March 9 against officers of a Chicago teamsters, chauffeurs and stablemen's helpers' union and the Chicago Motor Express Terminal following filing of charges by the McNamara Motor Express Co., Kalamazoo, Mich., that the defendants had compelled McNamara to use the Chicago terminal for the loading and unloading of trucks at rates 3 to 5 cents a hundred pounds, specified by the defendants.

It was charged also that the defendants compelled the McNamara company to hire Chicago trucks for delivering merchandise carried in interstate commerce and that the plaintiff was compelled to pay 10 cents for every hundred pounds.

There have been numerous reported attempts, with threats of violence alleged, to intimidate out-of-town truckers to turn their cargoes over to local drivers, and various law enforcement agencies have been investigating.

Ohio-Michigan Pact

Ohio truck operators over irregular routes will hereafter be permitted to travel over Michigan highways without molestation by Michigan authorities. Ohio's regular route certificate holders, however, will continue to be required to comply with the Michigan law.

Decision on these points was reached at a conference in Toledo on March 5 and 6, attended by representatives of the Michigan and Ohio Public Utilities Commissions and others, including Frank E. Kirby, Columbus, manager of the Ohio Association of Commercial Haulers, and Frank C. Schmidt, president of the Liberty Highway Co., Columbus, also representing the haulers' organization.

Vans Featured

The Met-L-Wood Corporation, Chicago, has distributed a "motor freight and van issue" of its paper, Met-L-Wood News. In it are illustrated and described various of warehousing's van bodies and trailers made of the company's product, and there is information explaining how to compute and decrease wind resistance on moving vans and trucks. A copy may be had by addressing the company at 6753 West 65th Street, Chicago.

Correction

The Fireproof Warehouse & Storage Co., which has established a new "home service department," as set forth on page 60 of the March Distribution and Warehousing, operates in Columbus, Ohio. In error the March story mentioned "Columbia," with no State designated.

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Truck Witnesses Oppose Enactment of Couzens Interstate Regulation Bill

DISTRIBUTION AND WAREHOUSING'S Washington Bureau, 1163 National Press Building.

WITH hearings on Senator James A. Couzens' bill (S. 2793) to regulate interstate motor vehicle operations still in progress before the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce as this issue of Distribution and Warehousing went to press, the likelihood of passage of this or any similar bill at this session of Congress seemed slight.

As this was written it was not definitely known when the hearings would end and no guess could be hazarded as to what action the committee would take on the measure after the hearings.

Generally speaking, the bill is favored by railroads and opposed, at least in part, by motor truck and business interests. The measure would place under jurisdiction of the Interstate Commerce Commission the operation of virtually all interstate trucks and buses, with some few exceptions, such as taxicabs, hotel buses and the like.

The supervision would be thoroughgoing, extending to accounting and such matters, with the important exception that it would not apply as strongly to trucks as it would to buses. For example, the bill does not provide for regulation of truck rates, while it does provide for regulation of bus fares.

The hearings, starting on Feb. 1, were run intermittently through that month and March.

Witnesses favoring the bill, or favoring some kind of Federal regulation of bus and truck traffic, far outnumbered opponents of the measure. Among the latter were T. R. Dahl, vice-president, White Motor Co., Cleveland, and member of the truck committee of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce; Larue Brown, general counsel of the Chamber, and R. C. Fulbright, chairman of the legislative committee of the National Industrial Traffic League.

Mr. Fulbright favored legislation which would permit the railroads to make joint rates with passenger or freight motor vehicle lines, but did not approve loading up the Interstate Commerce Commission with complete regulation of interstate motor vehicles. He thought this should be accomplished, if possible, through State action.

"The provisions of the bill would impose an enormous volume of administrative duties upon the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is already overworked, and would clothe that body with practically absolute power over the operations of contract and common carriers by motor truck," Mr. Fulbright

"We do not believe that it is necessary,

wise, or proper to take such extreme steps at the present time. We favor regulations which would protect the shipping public as far as reasonably can be done against irresponsible carriers, but we believe this can best be accomplished by State laws and regulations and by reciprocity or comity arrangements between the States, and that the proposed bill will not, as a practical matter, improve such situation."

Thomas F. Barry, secretary of the Merchant Truckmen's Bureau of New York, also opposed the measure, declaring his organization objected to the requirement for taking out permits. He said his organization did not want to have its members compelled to take out permits "merely to go across the river to Jersey."

Answering a question by Chairman Couzens as to whether New York truckmen wanted no regulation, Mr. Barry replied that "we are most effectively regulated by the unions of the port of New York."

Examiner Leo J. Flynn of the Commission, who wrote the proposed report in the Commission's investigation into coordination of motor transportation (Docket 23400), occupied the witness chair for two days. His testimony was confined to the record made before the Commission in that case. He was closely questioned by members of the committee on various phases of motor vehicle operation and regulation.

Speaking for the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Dahl said that organization always had advocated regulation of buses, but opposed regulation of interstate trucks.

"We believe that the transportation of passengers by bus and the transportation of property by truck are two entirely dissimilar services," Mr. Dahl said. "We believe that the bus companies should be required to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity who operate between fixed termini over regular routes and who hold themselves out to carry all people at fixed rates. That is a transportation system. We believe that the motor truck and the carrying of property is just the opposite of a transportation system."

Mr. Dahl pointed out that of the total number of trucks operating in the United States, only 1.05 per cent could be classed as interstate common carriers; 5.5 per cent as common carriers, and 8.7 per cent as contract carriers.

During Mr. Dahl's testimony, Senator Couzens said the only thing he had in mind in drafting the provision of the bill requiring contract and common carrier trucks to take out permits to operate in interstate commerce was to obtain statistics which would show the volume or extent of the motor traffic in interstate commerce.

Mr. Dahl said he wanted those statistics obtained, but thought this was a "back-door way" of doing the job.

There had been much loose thinking and much loose talking as to whether contract carriers could be regulated, Mr. Dahl said. His organization does not believe such carriers can be legally regulated and "we are certain that practically they cannot be regulated."

Theoretically, he said, his organization believed that common carrier interstate trucks should be regulated but felt that from a practical standpoint any attempt to regulate such a small portion of the total number of trucks operating would be ineffective.

"It would be ineffective first because of the very small percentage of the trucks involved," Mr. Dahl said. "It would seem unreasonable to build up an intricate regulatory machinery for enforcing a law to apply to such a small percentage of vehicles. We believe that the cost of enforcing such a law would be tremendous.

"We have not been able to obtain any estimates of the amount of appropriations that would be required to enforce it. We simply call to your attention the number of miles of State boundaries in the country and leave to your judgment what it would cost to enforce such a

"It is impractical because of the fact that these interstate operators are continually subjected to the competition of contract carriers, both as to rates and service.

"If the business of the interstate common carrier should be penalized with regulations which increased its cost of operation, we could only expect a repetition of the experience in the various States where common carrier trucks have either lost their business to the contract carrier, or have gone into the contract carrier business where they have been burdened with regulations."

Mr. Dahl pointed out that one of the prime reasons for enacting railroad regulation legislation was to protect small shippers against preferences which might be accorded to large shippers by the railroads. The result of motor truck regulatory legislation would be just the opposite, he said, because large shippers could invest in their own trucks which would be free from regulation, while small shippers would be dependent on regulated carriers which charged higher rates.

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American Warehouses Are Safeguarding the Largest Package Brought Overseas

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Tunnel under the Hudson River to the highways of New Jersey; and there was no ferryboat big enough to carry it. Fortunately the George Washington Memorial Bridge has just been opened, spanning the Hudson between Manhattan Island and the Jersey shore.

It required seven trucks to carry package, platform, steel ring and other equipment, and the cavalcade from New York to Washington included a number of passenger cars carrying officers of the New York Foundation Co., which did the removal job. Permits to move, during night hours only, had to be obtained from three different municipal departments in New York, and "scouts" hurried on ahead along the route to arrange for permits in different counties and to select highways where bridges were strong, and not too low when roads passed under them. The cavalcade set forth at daylight on Feb. 29 and arrived in Washington late on March 2. The Guaranty Storage Co. took the package in and will store it until it is removed to the proposed new building.

\$6,000 to Inspect

The showmen who bought the cyclorama agreed to do so only if inspection should show it to be in perfect condition. Accordingly, before the painting left the care of the Independent Warehouses, a spot had to be found where the 402 feet of canvas could be spread out flat. This was located at a Bronx armory. It took two days to unroll the painting for inspection and another two days to repack. The armory charged \$150 a day, and the whole job cost \$6,000 to perform, including labor. The canvas was found to be in perfect condition and the new purchasers were satisfied. The group is headed by Harry M. Crandall, Washington, D. C., motion picture theatre operator, and his associates include Michael Comerford and Frank C. Walker, identified with the theatre in New York.

Work on the canvas, which is to be displayed in various parts of the United States after the close of the Century of Progress Exposition in Chicago, was begun in October, 1914, under the personal direction of M. Pierre Carrier-Belleuse, a noted member of the Beaux Arts. He was then 70 years old. He selected as his first aide M. Francois Gorgeut, a noted artist, who, another member of the Beaux Arts, has since died. Under these leaders was grouped a well organized band of painters, graded, according to their ability, for the special work they were to do. Many were perspective or landscape experts; others were "lay-in" artists who worked with charcoal. The 6000 life-size figures on the great canvas were painted by thirty or forty master portrait artists. Four years were required to do the work, completed in December, 1918, with sometimes as many as 150 men on the payroll. The life-size figures include one of General John J. Pershing, commander-in-chief of the American army. Twice while the painting was in progress the "Pantheon" was in the range of destruction, enemy shells landing close by, but it came through the war unscathed.

What's What in New Buildings—No. 132: Terminal in Lincoln

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Unusually large window openings on all sides of the building, fitted with steel sash and clear glass, give the maximum of natural light and ventilation. Seventy-five watt electric lights are located at 20-foot intervals throughout the storage space, while in the offices and tenant sections there are four such lights, equipped with ornamental shades, for each bay of 20 feet. Each office is on a window, insuring adequate natural light and ventilation. Each is equipped with a radiator, and ample toilet facilities are conveniently located.

Loading Facilities

On the side of the main floor opposite the inclosed truck docks are openings for loading and unloading from freight cars on a spur of an electric belt line which connects with the five steam railroad lines coming into the city. Nine cars can be handled on this side. The storage capacity of the warehouse is 1200 carloads.

An address system is used on each floor to facilitate the location of goods. The aisles are lettered from A to G, and the 19 bays in each aisle are numbered. The system is uniform on all floors. Underwirters' steel doors which are locked to the outside when closed are used throughout the structure.

The warehouse is located in Lincoln's newest industrial district and extends the entire distance between two wide paved thoroughfares connecting with the city, State and Federal highways which serve the city. It is readily accessible to downtown Lincoln by city and suburban buses which stop at the doors.

Correction

The Bartlett Motor Express, one of the Indiana companies mentioned in the Feb. 6 order by the Indiana Public Service Commission to restrain them from highway operations for alleged failure to comply with Commission requirements, is in no way identified with the Bartlett Transfer & Storage Co., Huntington, Ind. The Bartlett Motor Express is not located in Huntington; it operates in the southern section of the State.

This explanation is made here in view of the story published on page 42 of the March Distribution and Warehousing mistakingly implying a connection between the motor freight line and the Bartlett warehouse organization which operates in Huntington.

Haring's "New Business" Article No. 77—Storing Products for Contractors

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when cut elsewhere; oiling and greasing and reconditioning of leased equipment are best done, and most cheaply, before it goes out to the job.

To do this work it is simple to call on the warehouseman for labor. Power, too, to operate tools may be purchased from the warehouse. These patrons' need for labor is irregular, which is all the more reason for their relying on the warehouseman to supply it. Much of the cleaning up and reconditioning may be performed at odd times, because the need for completion is seldom pressing, so that to supply the labor is a convenient balance to the warehouseman's own need of men. Supplying the labor for this class of accounts is, in fact, one of those circumstances where both parties save money and both make a profit. It is mutually beneficial.

Middlemen

N EARLY all items of this class are marketed through jobbers or specialty salesmen or other middlemen. When a large contract is in the offing, the manufacturer turns loose his factory salesmen in full force.

"The big contracts sound swanky," is the comment of one such manufacturer, "but remember that we live on replacements and small orders. Sometimes there's nothing left from the big order, because too many hands dip into the gravy."

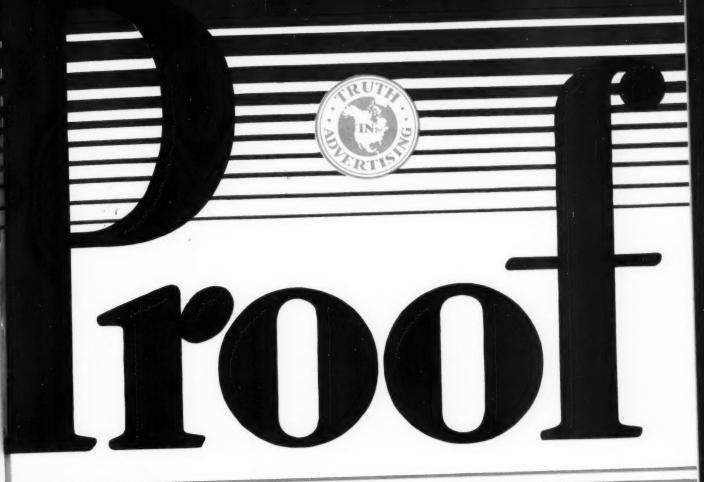
Hence the practice of selling through local representatives. The manufacturer profits most by having on the spot someone, working on a commission basis, to keep eternally after the host of small orders.

In no other way is it better possible for the warehouseman to help his patrons to sell their goods than it is by keeping his eye open for sales of this sort.

Profits

THESE manufacturers face an endless string of petty drains from their income. This is a characteristic of contracting and of contractors' supplies. They therefore are immensely keen in appreciation for any "sales service" that does not look for its rake-off when the money passes. The warehouseman will find his profit in storing and handling, not in two per cent or five deducted from the selling price.

Items of this sort, for a further matter, are more frequently to be found with warehouses in small cities than in the large places. In important cities, these manufacturers find it wise to own their own "yards" or "warehouses," whereas, at smaller cities, no such outlay is warranted. Their need of spot stocks is just as great at the smaller center. Therefore, for them, the public warehouse becomes the natural keystone of selling their goods.



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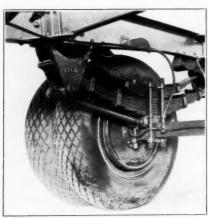
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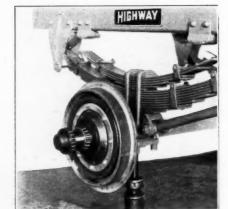




FIFTH WHEELS

With self-locking jaws that grip a forged steel and heat treated king pin positively and securely around its largest diameter allowing perfect lubrication and eliminating wear—Highway again leads the way.





AXLE BEARINGS

Twin bearings for dual tires with spring proof axle bed sections, heat treated and oil quenched in one operation to eliminate uneven tire wear are original and exclusive Highway features.



ROUND END VANS

More miles per gallon of fuel—a result of less wind resistance, more loading space and better appearance were introduced by Highway in their round front body construction.





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A size and type for every need, capacity from 10 to 100 tons with lower loading height, roller bearing fifth wheels and modern brake equipment. Whether you load from side or rear Highway leads the way with an improved and unexcelled construction.

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Lower loading height, lower center of gravity without sacrificing strength or weight in both rolled steel and automotive type frames, typify Highway's originality to pioneer and to be prepared for present and future trailer requirements.



ABSOLUTE INTERCHANGEABIL-ITY between semi and full automatic units is an exclusive Highway feature. You cannot afford to build up a fleet without full assurance of this feature. Insist on a standardized lower fifth wheel that does not confine you to a single source of supply on your future purchases. Again Highway leads the way.

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And now Highway leads the way with the first and only 100% cab controlled power brake equipped full automatic semi-trailer. The driver positively does not leave the seat in coupling or uncoupling of trailer. Power brake fittings are absolutely automatic. Highway continues to lead the way.

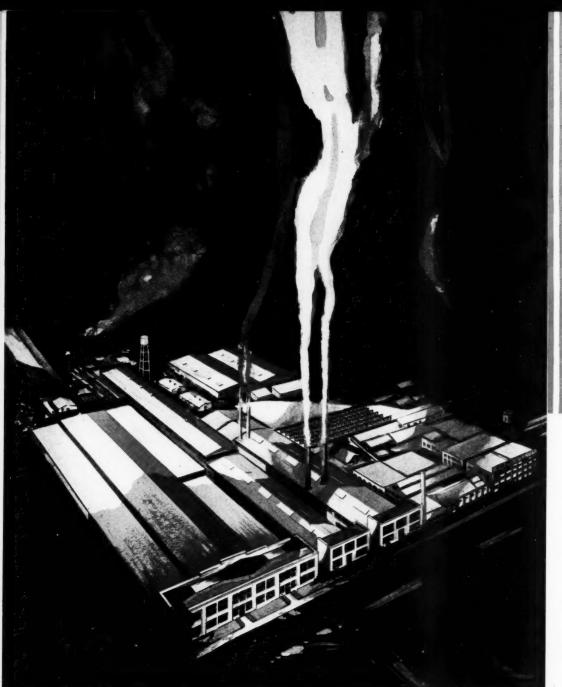








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ADVANCED TRANSPORTATION.

Further Testimony on Bill Before Senate to Regulate Interstate Motor Traffic

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Mr. Dahl also pointed out that while motor trucks in 1930 constituted but 13.7 per cent of motor vehicles, they paid 27 per cent of the special taxes assessed against motor vehicles. He quoted from testimony given before the Interstate Commerce Commission by Thomas H. MacDonald, chief of the Bureau of Public Roads, to the effect that heavy trucks and buses were "fully meeting all excess costs of road construction due to the increased thickness that is made necessary by these heavier loads."

He admitted that during the change which had taken place in truck construction and transportation during recent years, truck operators had been

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"He has operated his truck without regard to convenience of other traffic on the highway," Mr. Dahl said. "He has violated with apparent impunity the physical restrictions on the type of vehicle he is operating and has generally aroused a great deal of public antagonism.

"We therefore confess that due to the shortsightedness of our operators we have subjected ourselves to deserved criticism and the enactment of what we consider to be unfair laws. It has been our active endeavor in the last few years to educate the truck owners and operators as to the extreme importance of safe and courteous operation of motor trucks on the public highways. That campaign has been eminently successful."

Everett J. Arbour, treasurer and general manager of Consolidated Motor Lines, Inc., Hartford, Conn., also appeared in opposition to the bill. Mr. Arbour represented also the interstate operators' division of the Motor Truck Association of Connecticut. His testimony dealt largely with the successful operation of motor trucks by his company without Federal legislation. He said his firm and members of the association he represented cooperated fully with State officials in efforts to arrive at reasonable safety regulations for motor truck operation.

Taking the stand for the railroads. R. H. Aishton, president of the American Railway Association, said the rail carriers merely wanted an opportunity to participate in motor carrier service on the public highways on equal terms with all others and without discrimination in favor of or against other transportation agencies in the same field. Under existing conditions, he said, there was neither fair competition between motor vehicles operating on the highways nor between such vehicles and the railroads.

"We believe that all common carriers by motor vehicle, of either persons or property, should be required to obtain from the Interstate Commerce Commission, or proper Federal tribunal, certificates of public convenience and necessity," Mr. Aishton said.

"As to all common carriers, adequate requirements should be imposed to insure just and reasonable rates, both maximum

and minimum, with provisions for the publication thereof and proper inhibition against undue and unjust discrimination.

"Experience by the several States that have attempted to regulate transportation of property by motor vehicle has demonstrated that unless contract carriers are subjected to appropriate regulation bringing their operations into suitable relation with those of common carriers, any attempted regulation of common carriers is ineffectual and un-We, therefore, believe that all charter carriers by motor vehicle of either person or property should be subject to regulation.

"The regulation of motor vehicles recommended is proposed with a full appre-

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ciation of its application to motor vehicle operations by railroad as well as to such operations conducted by others. railroads recognize that the public is entitled to the most efficient and economical transportation service. They recognize the right of the public to select the agency of transportation which it needs and which it finds most useful.

"The railroads have no desire to handicap the development of any form of transportation. They will not be a party to any effort under the guise of regulation to impair any new agency of transportation which the public needs and which can serve it usefully.

C. S. Duncan, economist of the Association of Railway Executives, told the committee that continued operation of buses and trucks without Federal regulation would mean a continuation of cutthroat competition which, in the end, would injure both rail and motor vehicle service.

"What the rail carriers desire," Mr. Duncan said, "is regulation as a means of placing motor vehicle operation as a whole on a sound economic basis to the end that the proper sphere of operation of the railroads and the motor vehicles can be intelligently determined. the proper sphere of operation is determined, it will result in the retirement of either the railroads or the motor carriers from those fields in which they cannot compete at the rates or cannot give the service provided by the more efficient carriers.

"Regulation would require each carrier to operate on a sound basis and prevent either carrier from competing destructively for such traffic as the other could more economically and efficiently carry. The result would be an advancement of the best interests of the railroads, the motor carriers and the public. Whether or not it would mean the return of any traffic to the railroads cannot now be determined with any degree of certainty.

Speaking for 167 independent short line railroads, Ward Guthrie, Washington, D. C., told the committee the life of these roads was being threatened by unregulated motor vehicle traffic.

"Congress must give the short lines immediate relief either through permission to make joint through rates and division with motor carriers or pass regulatory laws with respect to interstate shipments by motor vehicles, or abolish all the rate regulation by the Interstate Commerce Commission," Mr. Guthrie said.

C. D. Cass, counsel for the American Electric Railway Association, urged legislation to regulate motor vehicle carriers. Answering a question by Senator Couzens, he said he believed electric lines would continue to be a factor in transportation. This, he said, would be achieved through modernization and through coordination with bus lines. Electric roads, he said, were conducting special researches to aid in their improvement and development.

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"USHCO" Van Body Is Introduced

NEW type of van body for trucks is announced by the U.S. Body and Fording Co., Inc., Buffalo. Called the "USHCO," it is designed for warehouse and moving organizations and others having light and bulky loads to move.

The bodies are delivered knocked down and are assembled directly on the truck. The manufacturer has distributors located throughout the country to assemble body on chassis.

According to the maker, the new type has been approved by the Chevrolet Motor Co., the General Motors Truck Corporation, the Reo Motor Car Co., and the Studebaker Corporation.

Fohlin Sees Pick-Up

W. B. Fohlin, secretary of the Spokane Tranasfer & Storage Co., Spokane, Wash., note an upturn in the warehouse business in the Pacific Northwest.

The company's car unloadings during the first fifteen days of March showed, according to Mr. Fohlin, an increase of 76 per cent over the ten-year average for the entire month of March.

The building up of stocks so early in the season, when ordinarily low stocks have been the rule in each of the past two years, is interpreted by him as warranting confidence that improved business in the territory is on the way.

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WITH THE ASSOCIATIONS

HERE is presented in tabloid form the Association news that is of general interest to the industry as a whole. No effort is made to publish complete reports of all Association meetings; the dissemination of such information is logically the work of the officers and the committee chairmen. What is presented here is in effect a cross-section review of the major activities so that Association members may be kept advised as to what "the other fellow" elsewhere in the country is thinking and doing. When annual or semi-annual meetings are held, more extended reports will occasionally be published.

Californians Plan a Hauling Unit Similar to National's A. V. L.

THE California Van and Storage Association has voted to adopt the recommendation of its van line committee that an independent organization for long distance hauling be formed, the new body to cooperate with existing franchise carrier-members of the association.

This action was taken at the association's seventeenth annual convention, held at the Santa Barbara-Biltmore Hotel in Santa Barbara on Feb. 21-24. It was decided that a special committee be created to consider the plans and to prepare the necessary contracts to put the proposed hauling unit on an operating basis.

Acceptance of the proposal for a cooperative van line came after several rejections in recent years. Renewed consideration of the committee's recommendations was urged at the Santa Barbara meeting by Martin H. Kennelly, Chicago, president of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, who, sitting in at some of the sessions, discussed the National's Allied Van Lines and association affairs generally.

The van line committee comprised J. R. Zimmerman, Long Beach; Ruel R. Neiger, Alhambra, and B. W. Selby, Hollywood. Under the committee's plan as outlined, independent operators wishing to avail themselves of long distance moving business need not make any capital expenditure for equipment. Provision is made in the proposed agreement that "franchise operators agree to purchase equipment and maintain sufficient trailer equipment" and that "individual members of the van line furnish certain services for certain remuneration covering a period of five years with an option for renewal for further periods."

Franchise carriers to be considered under the agreement would be the Bekins Van & Storage Co., operating between San Francisco and Los Angeles and San Diego; the Lyon Van & Storage Co., Inc., operating between San Francisco and Los Angeles; the Griggs Van Lines, which, identified with Griggs Van & Storage, Lt., Santa Barbara, are common carriers between Santa Barbara

and Los Angeles; and the Triangle Transfer & Storage Co., San Diego, operating between San Diego and Los Angeles.

The question as to whether the National's Allied Van Lines would approve was put up to Mr. Kennelly. From his remarks it was gathered that there would be no objection in view of the fact that the new move would preclude extension of the A. V. L. movement to California.

A member of the committee stated



Charles A. Buck, elected 1932 president of the California Van and Storage Association. Mr. Buck is mayor of Burlingame, Cal.

that it was probable that the California association would seek the right to use the Allied's name in connection with the proposed van line upon payment of a certain consideration.

A plea for closer cooperation in meeting common problems of the industry was made throughout the convention in reports from officers and committee heads. A more general use of the uniform cost accounting system accepted at the Santa Cruz convention last year and installed by some warehousemen was urged by Harvey B. Lyon, Oakland, as a means of establishing a fair rate structure.

Advertising and insurance were other subjects given a prominent place on the program. Motor truck legislation also was discussed, views being presented by Emmett Hart, attorney from Sacramento, and by Frank L. Allen, Los Angeles warehouseman, who expressed the opinion that limitation of production and discrimination in the sale of motor trucks would be an aid to the industry. Advertising and publicity, based on the experience of his own company, was discussed by Milo W. Bekins, Los Angeles, while C. H. Sexsmith, recently appointed advertising manager for Lyon organization, took up the question of the advantages and disadvantages of advertising fireproof storage.

H. H. Cremeens, Los Angeles, though urging a conciliatory attitude toward non-members, pointed out the danger of being too friendly.

"The association has little to gain," he remarked, "by a vindictive attitude toward resigned members." Again, "the experience of the railroad and express companies in meeting the competition of truck operators by a revision of methods and tariffs might be valuable. Warehousemen," he said, "should be quick to recognize the ever changing conditions and realize that non-members engaging in the same line of business are essentially a part of the industry." Fair dealings, ethical practices and price standards should be maintained, he emphasized.

Recommendations as outlined by the van committee were:

First, selection of a new van line name by the independent operators, the name to be incorporated in a non-profit corporation. "California Van Lines" was suggested as a hypothetical name. The issued stock would be put in escrow under an agreement between the franchise operators that, upon the discontinuance of the operation agreement, the name would be killed, with no group or individual to be allowed to use the name in the future.

Second, the franchise operators would agree to enter into an "express agreement" contract with the "California Van Lines, Inc.," and the individual members of the "California Van Lines, Inc.," would furnish certain services for certain remuneration for a period of five years, with an option for renewal for

further periods, such as two, three or five years, whichever might be desired by the independent operators.

Third, franchise operators would agree to purchase equipment and maintain sufficient trailer equipment, such equipment to be painted an agreed color and lettered "California Van Lines, Inc." (this name being an example only), with such equipment to be used by "California Van Line" members on the moving of their shipments over the van line operations, with trailers to be pulled behind the trucks of the franchise operators.

Fourth, members of the "California Van Lines, Inc.," would pick up these trailers at the terminals of the franchise operators; and providing there was a 4000-pound minimum load, would consign the van direct to their distributing agent under sealed billing, the agent to take delivery of the trailer at the franchise operators' terminal at destination. Or members would deliver small shipments to the terminals of the franchise operators for consignment direct to distributing agents, who would take delivery at the destination terminal.

Fifth, the following discounts would be allowed to members: A. 40 per cent discount when trailers are loaded and unloaded by C. V. L. members; B. 30 per cent discount if members load trailer and franchise operators unload; C. 32 per cent discount on less than trailer load shipments from terminal to terminal; D. 22 per cent discount on less than trailer load shipments when delivered to consignee by franchise operator at destination.

Sixth, members of the "California Van Lines" would agree not to move over a distance of 100 miles with their own trucks when the goods were moving over the defined routes of the franchise operators, except in cases of special deliveries, and in these cases endeavor should first be made to handle through regular operators. The distance was arrived at by using the southern California district and, according to the report, is subject to further agreement in different parts of the State between members and franchise operators.

Seventh, franchise operators would not be agreeable to carrying out this program unless at least 90 per cent of the membership of the association was agreeable to joining the "California Van Lines."

Four well-defined routes were classified as the coast and inland routes from San Francisco to Los Angeles and the coast and inland routes from Los Angeles to San Diego. It was the opinion of the committee that the new move was destined to forestall the establishment of any "outside" long-distance hauling group in the State.

Advising the association to compromise and consider the means at hand for developing an independent van organization, President Kennelly of the N. F. W. A. said:

"The very nature of long distance work requires cooperation. What method you adopt is for you to decide, taking

into consideration the rights of those who now hold franchises over the proposed routes from the three centers.

who now hold franchises over the proposed routes from the three centers. The National will be glad to come out and sit in with you, and to give whatever assistance is possible in the handling of your problem, but its solution is up to you. You must be prepared to give and take."

Emphasizing the value of association membership, Mr. Kennelly said:

"The best way to meet changing problems of the present period is with a united front. In the East we have been losing some members because of their affiliation with interests opposed to the interests of the association. I say 'opposed' because the two recent warehouse conventions voted that members joining with those interests be dropped from the association. Some of the members we regret to lose, naturally, but feel that they will be the losers. Conditions will not be remedied by leaving the association nor by reducing costs."

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Henry Dawson, Stockton, in the ware-house business for more than 30 years

Correction

A N error regarding Martin H. Kennelly's opinion on the policy of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association with regard to centralization of power appeared on page 12 of the March Distribution and Warehousing.

In his Washington, D. C.,

In his Washington, D. C., convention report as president, Mr. Kennelly said he was opposed to centralization of power in the National. The text on page 12 mistakenly quoted Mr. Kennelly as saying he was opposed to decentralization of power.

was honored at the convention by the presentation of a gift on Washington's Birthday, the occasion being his 75th hirthday

The officers elected for 1932 are as listed in the January Distribution and Warehousing. The group is headed by C. A. Buck, proprietor of the C. A. Buck Transfer & Storage Co., Burlingame. Mr. Buck is Burlingame's mayor. He succeeds William A. Cassell, Pasadena.

Convention proceedings were enlivened by the annual banquet on the 23d, and the presentation of a van employees' sales skit, with Frank A. Payne, Los Angeles, as master of ceremonies.

New York Meetings Off Due to Labor Situation

OWING to the labor situation in New York, as outlined in the March Distribution and Warehousing, no monthly meetings were held in February and March by the New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association.

For the same reason the annual meeting of the Van Owners' Association of Greater New York, to have been held in February, has been indefinitely postponed.

Pennsylvania F. W. A. to Test Constitutionality of Gross Receipts Act Tax

PENNSYLVANIA Furniture Warehousemen's Association members have been receiving bills from the State Department of Revenue, covering the 8 mills tax on their gross receipts for the period from July 1, 1929, to July 1, 1931. The authority for this billing is the gross receipts Act of 1929, generally believed to be unconstitutional. As enacted, it allowed no reduction for registration fees paid to the State. But the 1931 session of the Pennsylvania Legislature, in an attempt to correct the 1929 Act, passed House Bill No. 1483, which provides for an excise tax on the use of State highways by motor vehicles transporting passengers and freight for hire.

Under the provisions of this Act as interpreted by the fiscal officers, a report must be filed by every individual, partnership, company or corporation operating motor vehicles for hire in the State. The report must show the total receipts received from transportation in the State. If the receipts are from interstate business, then the report must show the mileage in and out of the State and the proportion of receipts that should be allocated to the State of Pennsylvania and outside. Isolated trips to Pennsylvania will not be taxed, but in all cases where, under the law, a non-resident would be required to secure license plates, a report will be required, the reports to be made twice a year, as of June 30 and Dec. 31, and are due Aug. 1 and Feb. 1. But an extension of sixty days in which to file them may be secured upon application. Operators for hire who neglect to file gross receipts tax reports are liable to a fine of \$200 for each period.

Under the Act, the motor operator is allowed to apply excise fees and motor license fees in payment of the tax, one-half of the gross amount to each semi-annual report. In arriving at the amount of receipts taxable, they are limited strictly to receipts from transportation and do not include such items as labor, crating or other handling charges which are not transportation charges.

House Bill 1483 was originally presented to rectify a situation which existed in connection with warehousemen, teamsters and other haulers and was fostered by the Pennsylvania Furniture Warehousemen's Association, the Philadelphia Team & Motor Truck Owners' Association and the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association.

These organizations, feeling strongly that the tax was an unwarranted burden, decided to take active steps to eliminate themselves from coming within the general provisions of its scope.

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Massachusetts W. A. Reelects S. G. Spear President for 1932

T the annual meeting of the Massa-Arthusetts Warehousemen's Association, deferred from January to Feb. 16 because of national conventions, the following officers were elected:

President, Samuel G. Spear, treasurer Wiggin Terminals, Inc., Boston. Vice-president, Richard M.

secretary Standard Storage Co., Boston. Treasurer, B. R. Gage, manager general storage department, Quincy Market Cold Storage & Warehouse Co., Boston.

Executive committee, the officers and Louis M. Beeten, general manager Commonwealth Ice & Cold Storage Co., Boston; E. L. Wingate, manager Boston Storage Warehouse Co., Boston; Ernest H. Wood, president Worcester Storage Co., Inc., Worcester; Frank Driscoll,

Samuel G. Spear, reelected president of Massachusetts Warehousemen's Association

manager Merchants Warehouse Co., Boston.

Olin M. Jacobs, Boston, continues as secretary.

The meeting was held at the Exchange Club in Boston, with Mr. Spear presid-

-C. Frederic Wellington.

Toronto Association Elects P. G. Heyward Its 1932 President

THE Toronto Cartage and Warehouse-men's Association held its annual meeting at the Royal York Hotel on Feb. 26, with forty-two persons attending, and elected 1932 officers as follows:

President, P. G. Heyward, owner P. G. Heyward, Ltd.

Vice-president, James Sercombe. Secretary-treasurer, C. F. Basil Tippet. president Howell Warehouses. Jtd. Executive committee, the retiring president, William Pickard, manager W. J. Pickard, Ltd.; Charles McMillan, president McMillan & Co., Ltd.; J. H. Warren, vice-president M. Rawlinson, Ltd.; Frank A. Magee, secretary City Thomas Collins and Storage, Ltd.; Charles Fraser.

Following an address by Frank A. Magee, a past president, on "Legislation and Cooperation," the need of an amendment to the Ontario warehousemen's lien law was discussed. A recent amendment of this character in Manitoba eliminates the necessity of the warehouse. men locating the holder of a lien on goods stored in order that the warehouseman may notify the holder, whereas in Ontario the present statute places this responsibility on the warehouseman if he is to procure a lien beyond the first sixty days of storage.

The executive committee was instructed to prepare a report on governmental control of highway traffic as affecting warehousing, the report to consider the advisability of a tariff.

Further Report of P. F. W. A.'s 15th Annual Gathering

THE Pennsylvania Furniture Ware-housemen's Association, at its fifteenth annual meeting, held at the Pittsburgh Athletic Club in Pittsburgh on Feb. 9-10, elected as its 1932 president David V. Murdoch, a partner in the Murdoch Storage & Transfer Co., Pittsburgh, as announced in the March Distribution and Warehousing. The complete list of the other executives chosen follows:

Non-chapter vice-president, R. J. Robinson, manager R. J. Robinson, Lansdowne.

Philadelphia, vice-president, Buell G. Miller, president North Broad Storage

Pittsburgh vice-president, James F. Keenan, president Haugh & Keenan Storage & Transfer Co.

Secretary, J. Wallace Fager, Miller North Bread Storage Co., Philadelphia. Treasurer, Frederick L. Harner, vicepresident Fidelity-20th Century Storage

Warehouse Co., Philadelphia.

Non-chapter directors, E. W. Irwin, president Erie Storage & Carting Co., Erie; E. E. Zeiter, Harrisburg; W. N. Kissinger, president Kissinger Van & Storage Co., Inc., Reading, Philadelphia directors, Walter E. Sweeting, president Atlas Storage Warehouse Co.; Milton C. Harrison, J. H. Walker Storage Warehousing Co., Inc. Pittsburgh d'rector, C. J. Blanck, Blanck's Transfer & Storage Co.

Non-chapter arbitration committeemen, F. F. Lazarus, F. G. Lazarus 20th Century Storage, Bethlehem; R. J. Post, Scranton; James E. Kromer, R. F. Kromer & Sons, Wayne; Robert J. Post, operating executive R. F. Post, Scranton. Philadelphia. William A. Reger, vicepresident Atlas Storage Warehouse Co.; Charles McDevitt, partner Federal Storage Varchouses. Pittsburgh, D. F.

The Commonwealth, however, was not in favor of amending the existing Act and objected to any change therein. But a delegation of some 500 interested persons, from all points of the State, presented facts and arguments before the Legislature's committee of ways and means. Buell G. Miller, Philadelphia, outlined the hardships this additional tax would impose. Subsequently, many other conferences were held with the various State departments and, when the bill was finally passed, the truck operators had won a signal victory by having inserted in the bill provisions for deducting license fees. They gained the further point of having the Department of Revenue withhold from members of the associations mentioned any settlements of gross receipts up to June 25, 1931, until the constitutionality of the old Act can be judicially determined. Shortly after the passage of the 1931

Act, Mr. Miller, as chairman of the laws and legislative committee of the P. F. W. A., arranged for individual members of that body to retain John R. Scholl, Philadelphia, an expert on taxation cases, in the matter of the gross receipts Act, for a nominal cost to each member. For those who have availed themselves of this opportunity, Mr. Scholl's office has checked and filed reports which included claims for labor in connection with transportation. Now, as part of his work under the same fee, Mr. Scholl has been filing individual petitions to the Department of Revenue for each company, which must be done within 90 days of the date of the department's bill, and following through with a petition to the Board of Finance and Revenue for a review of the department's expected adverse decision. To the few remaining members who have not retained Mr. Scholl, his office has made the suggestion that they draw a check to the order of Mr. Scholl and forward it to the secretary of the P. F. W. A. at once. Because of the blanket cooperative arrangement mentioned, Mr. Scholl, without additional cost to the association, will prepare test cases on the constitutionality of the 1929 Act and prosecute these through the Dauphin County Court, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and, if necessary, finances permitting, carry them to the Supreme Court of the United States.

It is contended that not only is the entire Act of 1929 unconstitutional, but that taxation can be applied and collected only on gross receipts exclusively received in transportation. Should a warehouseman pay a tax now and the Act eventually be found unconstitutional, he must file a petition for a refund.

Actually, no refund would be made, but the warehouseman, if his petition were granted, would receive a credit on his books.

It is believed the P. F. W. A. and the other associations allied with it in the fight will be obliged to fight further to retain the exemption of registration fees from the gross receipts tax at the next session of the Legislature.

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Walter E. Sweeting in his report as retiring president said he believed that those "who are adopting the view that business is now normal rather than waiting hopefully for a return of former high levels are in a better mental condition to meet whatever the future holds for us-whether better or worse." While it seemed economically sound for warehousemen to revise downward the prices on "the services or commodities which we are today buying cheaper, either as to material or labor," Mr. Sweeting said, he deplored downward revision on storage rates. He advocated container development as a solution of warehousing's long distance moving problem, be-lieving that once tariffs had been established for handling container movements by weight, warehouses should recover some of their lost packing department husiness.

C. F. Basin Tippet, Toronto, chairman of the statistical committee of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, spoke on "X-Raying Your Business," outlining the committee's activities along the line of his N. F. W. A. convention report at Washington in January.

The association adopted a resolution endorsing the principles of the Public Economy League of Pennsylvania, organized by citizens to promote public interest in the economical businesslike and efficient use of State revenues and to prevent unnecessary extension of State bureau into private business.

It was voted to create a committee of three to consider a suggestion that the association adopt a policy of having the members use the cash or certified method of collection.

Ohio Association Elects F. W. Berry Its 1932 President

OUESTIONS discussed at the fifteenth annual meeting of the Ohio Warehousemen's Association, held at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel in Columbus on March 8, included (a) the advisability of sponsoring a movement to secure amendments to Ohio's lien law so as better to protect the warehousemen on storage charges; (b) sponsoring of a law to have warehouses licensed and to compel all warehousemen to take out public liability bonds; and (c) methods of remedying present warehousing conditions arising out of the business setback. While the organization has not functioned actively during the past year, steps were taken for appointment of additional committees to conform with those of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association.

The nominating committee, headed by Edward Wuichet, Dayton, presented the following names for the board of directors: Charles F. Cohagan, vice-president Merchandise Warehouse Co., Columbus; Arthur B. Compton, vice-

president Lincoln Storage Co., Dayton; John Schlemmer, secretary McKinley Storage & Transfer Co. Canton. These, each to serve three years, were chosen by acclamation, succeeding William R. Kissick, Cleveland, the association's retiring president; William H. Kutschbach, Columbus, and Edward Wuichet, Dayton.

The hold-over members of the board are F. W. Berry, manager Baltimore & Ohio Warehouse Co., Cincinnati; A. W. Greeley, General Storage Co., Cleveland; G. A. Wright, owner Wright Transfer & Storage Co., Marion, and W. J. Thompson, secretary General Fireproof Warehouse Co., Toledo.

After the convention had adjourned the 1932 board met and elected officers as follows:

President, Mr. Berry; vice-president, Mr. Thompson; secretary, Mr. Compton; treasurer, Mr. Wright.

The board will determine when and where the 1933 meeting is to be held.



F. W. Berry, new president of the Ohio Warehousemen's Association

With a blizzard raging, the Columbus convention was sparsely attended, and many of the delegates were late in arriving. President Kissick, in his annual report, recalled his 1931 prediction of better conditions by now and conceded he was not a great prophet; but he was still optimistic, he said, and, quoting extensively from national business authorities, professed his belief that a steady improvement lay ahead, declaring the worst was over. He placed much faith in President Hoover's reconstruction finance corporation, saying it would restore confidence and general business, with warehouse volume favorably affected.

Mr. Kissick pointed to price-cutting as one of the industry's greatest evils today and pledged the organization's aid toward its discontinuance, declaring it threatened to disrupt warehousing.

W. Lee Cotter, Mansfield, and William E. Hague and William H. Kutschbach, both of Columbus, were appointed a committee to edit the by-laws and arrange for printing and distributing them to the membership.

Members urged the association go on record as favoring enactment of State legislation providing for licensing and bonding of all warehouses in order to keep "fly-by-night" storage organizations out of the business. Neither on this suggestion nor on the lien amendment plan was any action taken by the convention.

M. Y. Cooper, a former Ohio governor, urged business men to join in the campaign against hoarding.

A. H. Greeley, Cleveland, acting as the meeting's secretary, urged enactment of a Federal law to permit Federal Reserve banks to receive deposits, and the establishment by the Government of an international bank to handle all international loans, whether made by the United States or by private capital. Such an international institution, he believed, would result in less loaning to foreign countries and would tend to relieve pressure at home.

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H. T. Morris, extension manager of the Columbus Better Business Bureau, which is attempting to aid that city's transfer industry, told of the success in inducing Columbus newspapers to do housecleaning in their advertising offered by unstable moving and storage organizations.

-J. W. Lehman.

"ConnWA" Members Discuss Containers

MEMBERS of the Connecticut Warehousemen's Association departed from their usual schedule March 10, combining the monthly business meeting with a tour of the Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co. plant, Norwalk. They were shown the entire process of fabricating truck and passenger car tires.

The business session, which followed a two-hour inspection of the plant, was featured by a report on the container situation presented by E. C. Palmer, New Haven, acting as secretary in the absence of his father, William R. Palmer.

Mr. Palmer described the two main types of containers now in use, permanent and temporary, explaining their construction and the materials used. He quoted at length the experience of the Miller North Broad Storage Co., Philadelphia, in the use of wooden containers (discussed previously in Distribution and Warehousing).

The average weight of container-packed household goods was about eight pounds per cubic foot, minus the weight of the container, Mr. Palmer said, adding that the Smedley Co., his firm, had been able to build a crate container, pad, wrap and pack the furniture at a cost of about 15 cents a cubic foot. He warned that containers must be properly braced in freight cars, and said that a strapping machine for this purpose was now available on a rental basis.

E. W. Schultz, New Britain, chair-

man of a special committee on insurance, gave a report of preliminary research on warehouse insurance. He declared that vehicle rates were made by the truck driver and urged warehousemen to participate actively in safety campaigns, using dashboard cards, posters, safety meetings and contests.

The president, William H. Schaefer, Stamford, appointed J. W. Connelley, Hartford, as head of a special committee to study mothproofing preparations and methods. The association now has a number of such special studies under way, covering widely divergent phases of the industry.

President Schaefer suggested that the tenth anniversary, next July, of the association's birth be observed with some sort of ceremony, probably a field day, to which all employees of member warehouses would be invited. The proposal was unanimously approved.

After the meeting, officers of the Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co. played host to the warehousemen at a dinner at the Fountain Inn, Norwalk, with John W. Whitehead, president, and Arthur A. Hall, manager of the company's automotive division, doing the honors.

Entertainment was provided by several members, with J. W. Connelley acting as master of ceremonies. E. C. Palmer sang the Volga boat song in Russian.

-Charles B. Barr.

U. S. Chamber Survey Shows Strength Among Trade Organizations

THE Trade Association Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States has completed a survey of trade associations' membership and income changes and finds "a general condition of strength, although," as expected, a general decline in both membership and income is recorded.

One hundred and ninety-eight associations reported a total income of \$10,-541,524 in 1931, a decrease of \$1,260,747, or 10 2/3 per cent, from 1930. A survey by the Chamber about a year ago showed a 3 per cent drop in the 1930 income as compared with that of 1929.

As of January, 1932, membership totaling 132,933 was reported. This was a falling off of 8,884, or about 161/4 per cent, as compared with the previous corresponding date. The previous membership change showed a 1930 decrease of 1 per cent as compared with 1929.

"Contrary to this general moderate decline," says a statement by the Chamber, "a few associations report serious losses in membership or income or both. At the other extreme, 60 associations reported an increase in membership and 54 an increase in income during the year.

"It is interesting to note that nearly 20 per cent of the associations reporting smaller membership reported a greater income.

"The year 1931 also recorded the for-

mation of a number of new associations.'

Major association activities, it is pointed out, cover a wide range of subjects. These include accident prevention, accounting, cooperative advertising, arbitration, business standards, certification and grading of products, the elimination of unfair trade practices, credit service, economic planning, employer-employee relations, employment service and stabilization, insurance, inspection service, labor problems, legal aid, cooperative marketing, research, standardization and simplification, tariff, taxation and a score of other activities of vital interest to successful business management.

C. J. Hamilton Is New President of Maryland F. W. A.

THE Maryland Furniture Warehouse-men's Association held its annual meeting on Feb. 8 in Baltimore and elected officers for 1932 as follows:



Cornelius J. Hamilton, who has been elected president of the Mary-land Furniture Warehousemen's Association

President, C. J. Hamilton, president Security Storage Co., Baltimore.

Vice-president, M. A. Parrish, owner Hampden Transfer & Storage Co., Baltimore.

Secretary, H. G. Warfield, secretary Graham's Storage Warehouse Co., Bal-

Treasurer, H. E. Podlich, president Broadway Storage Co., Inc.

A. E Smith Heads Local in Wichita

THE Wichita Warehouse and Transfermen's Association at its annual meeting, held on Feb. 16, after being postponed from January, elected officers for 1932 as follows:

President, Alva E. Smith, secretarytreasurer Merchants Transfer & Warehouse Co., Inc.

Vice-president, A. E. Laird, Cassell

Transfer & Storage Co. Secretary, W. H. Furgason, Bryan-Southwest Transfer & Storage Co.

Treasurer, W. E. Crowl, United Ware. house Co.

The retiring president, Murray E. Cuykendall, manager Brokers Office & Warehouse Co., was chosen a director.

New Jersey Committees

Frederick Petry, Jr., Trenton, president of the New Jersey Furniture Warehousemen's Association, has announced appointment of committees for 1932. The committees designated and the chairmen are as follows:

Laws and legislation, Norman M. Hotchkiss, Summit. Uniform methods, William T. Bostwick, Jersey City. Freight transportation, John Mullins. Cost accounting, James E. Mulligan, Newark. Motor transportation, Griswold B. Holman, Rutherford. Program, A. W. Alesbury. Insurance, Willard Eldredge, Atlantic City. Membership. Richard Coyne, Jr., East Orange. Advertising and publicity, Charles Sebold, Elizabeth. Entertainment, the association's secretary, Frank J. Summers, Newark.

Wiesenfeld Again Heads Local in Jacksonville

THE Jacksonville Warehousemen's Association held its annual meeting on Jan. 14 and reelected officers as follows:

President, Henry Wiesenfeld, president Wiesenfeld Warehouse Co.

Vice-president, Horace C. Avery, vicepresident Union Terminal Warehouse Co.

Secretary-treasurer, S. W. Marshall, Jr., secretary-treasurer Commodores Point Terminal Co.

Healey Company Installs Rug-Cleaning Department

The Thomas F. Healey & Sons Warehouse & Storage Co., Inc., operating in the Flatbush district of Brooklyn, has installed a complete carpet-cleaning unit in its building at 2521-25 Tilden Avenue.

Instead of the customary and expensive outside-the-warehouse plant, the firm is using less profitable space for the service. An area 25 by 30 feet in the rear of the second floor was concreted and made hollow so that the largest domestic runs can be washed and shampooed. Back of this space has been built, on the roof, a dryer, making it possible to give rugs and carpets ample sunlight and air-drying, which is ideal in restoring gloss and fluff.

The installation cost about \$10,000 and is expected by the company to be a valuable side line.

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Judson M. Davis Passes; Was Chairman of Board of Lyon Van & Storage Co.

JUDSON M. DAVIS, chairman of the board of directors of the Lyon Van & Storage Co., Inc., and one of the organizers of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, died of pneumonia in Los Angeles on March 10. A pioneer in the van and storage industry of California, he was seventy-three years old.

In the one-time residence at 935 West Washington Boulevard, where he had lived for twenty-eight years, and now occupied by a mortuary, funeral services were held on March 14. Interment was in the Inglewood Cemetery, Inglewood, Cal.

Born at Lowell, Ind., March 8, 1859, Mr. Davis went to California with his



Judson M. Davis, California storage executive who died on March 10 at age of 73

parents fifty-three years ago and engaged in the carriage and buggy business in Los Angeles and Sacramento. Admitted to the bar in 1887 while living in Oakland, he returned to Los Angeles in 1892 to become associated in the practice of law with Charles Post and Robert Kemp under the firm name of Davis, Post & Kemp.

How Mr. Davis happened to enter warehousing was told by Roy Alden in a "Family Album" sketch of Mr. Davis in the October, 1926, issue of Distribution and Warehousing.

"The legal profession lost a mighty good lawyer and the warehouse profession gained a mighty good warehouseman when the dictates of fate called for a switch in the vocation of Judson M. Davis," Mr. Alden wrote.

"For twenty-five years Mr. Davis practiced before the bar of justice and gained a wide reputation as a civil lawyer. His was not a college education, but one that was obtained as a law clerk. He learned the law business from the ground up and

burned the midnight oil in achieving his self-education. So extensive did his practice as a lawyer become that his health broke down under the weight of his labors and responsibilities, and he was forced to seek rest and retirement.

"While on the road to recuperation, E. C. Lyon, who was a client of his law firm, interested Mr. Davis in the establishment of a warehouse business. At that time Mr. Davis had never been inside of a warehouse and knew nothing of the business, but Mr. Lyon sold him on the idea that there were no peculiar mysteries that had to be fathomed.

"At the outset Mr. Davis did not intend to take an active part in the management of the business, but he later became deeply absorbed in his new venture. Ten years ago he purchased the interest of Mr. Lyon, and since that time he has been president of the old Lyon Fireproof Storage Co., Los Angeles.

When the Lyon and other Pacific Coast organizations combined to form the present Lyon Van & Storage Co., Inc., operating in various California cities, Mr. Davis became chairman of the board. After helping to organize the N. F. W. A. he served for a time as one of its vice-presidents and was for several years chairman of the National's legislative committee.

Mr. Davis was a member of the N. F. W. A., the Canadian Storage & Transfermen's Association, and the California Van & Storage Association. He belonged to the Baptist Church; was a life member of the Live Oak Lodge, No. 61, F. & A. M., Oakland, and a member of Oakland Chapter, No. 36, R. A. M.; Los Angeles Commandery, No. 9, Knights Templar; Los Angeles Consistory, Scottish Rite; and Al Malaikah Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, and belonged to the Los Angeles Country Club.

Mr. Davis leaves a widow, residing at 228 South Wilton Place, and a son, John S. Davis.

Death Takes George Turner at 72; Former Storage Man Was Picturesque Character

GEORGE E. TURNER, probably one of the West's most picturesque personages identified with the warehouse and moving field and formerly president of the old Turner-Denver Moving & Storage Co., Denver, died on March 7 at the Presbyterian Hospital in Denver after having suffered a stroke a few hours earlier. He was 72 years old. Mr. Turner is survived by his widow, Mrs. Evelyn Turner, and a son, Merle E. Turner, a Los Angeles storage executive and a past president of the California Warehousemen's Association.

"The World Moves, So Does Turner," a slogan which George E. Turner used on his vans for years, aided in making the Denver warehouseman widely known in the State where he operated. His passing brought to a close a career of fifty years in the moving business. He pioneered with an express wagon and

climaxed with a six-story building at Fourteenth and Arapahoe Streets—a plant now operated by the Bekins-Turner Moving & Storage Co.; two years ago, Mr. Turner, retiring at 70 as Denver's oldest active business man, sold his business to the Bekins Moving & Storage Co., operated in Pacific-Northwest cities by Daniel Bekins, for a reported price of \$250,000.

Mr. Turner reached Denver in 1861 by stagecoach, over a line operated by his father, from Cass County, Iowa, his birthplace. In later years, proud of his pioneer stock, he helped found the Sons of Colorado and served as this organization's president.

The romance of the Old West was preserved by Mr. Turner in the creation of his "Tiny Town," a miniature city located in Turkey Creek Canyon in the mountains near Denver. This show-



George E. Turner, Denver wavehouseman, who died on March 7, aged 72

place, the delight of children and which thousands of tourists have visited, is a doll-like city with replicas of famous mines and buildings of the West's early days. Inspection of "Tiny Town" was one of the entertainment features of the program of the Denver convention of the old Central Warehousemen's Club about ten years ago.

Mr. Turner's hobbies had their roots in the Old West and included a famous collection of whisky bottles from the saloons of long-forgotten "ghost towns." A charter member of the National

A charter member of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, from which he later resigned, George E. Turner was a familiar figure at the National's earlier conventions by reason of his peculiarities of attire. Sometimes he would enter meeting hall or dining room dressed in a suit, half-fireman's and half something else; an evening's formal occasion might find him clad in another half-and-half garb, partly tuxedo and partly a business suit of gray. Afternoon dress might be half green

and half white. Invariably these would be split vertically, from hat to shoes. Obviously, they so attracted attention that there was not a convention delegate who could not immediately identify George E. Turner. Apparently, he was never at all self-conscious while thus presenting himself in public, but retained his poise in the face of comment and staring and enjoyed himself hugely.

Albert C. Muntz Dies; Founded Firm in Elgin

A LBERT C. MUNTZ, founder and president of the Elgin Transfer & Storage Co., Elgin, Ill., died on March 7 at his home at 808 North Spring Street, Elgin, after a second stroke of paralysis last December. Exactly a year prior to his passing he suffered the first stroke. He was in his seventy-first year.

Born in Elgin, Mr. Muntz was a lifelong resident of the Illinois city. He began his business career in 1880 at the age of nineteen, when with F. J. Frike he opened a harness shop. Indoor work proved irksome and in 1884, with horse and wagon as assets, he started a transfer and storage business. At the time of his death he owned and operated several household goods and merchandise warehouses, including a modern plant on Brook Street, which cost him \$100,000 to build several years ago. The company operated a fleet of trucks and vans between Elgin and Chicago and a branch terminal in Chicago. The Muntz motor permit was the first one issued by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Mr. Muntz was a member of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association and the Illinois Furniture Warehousemen's Association. He was a director of the Union National Bank, Elgin, and a member of the Elgin B. P. O. Elks. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora M. Muntz; three sons, two daughters, a brother, two sisters and eleven grandchildren. One son, Albert W., is the warehouse company's treasurer, and another, Herbert C., is the firm's manager and operating executive.

J. B. Flemming

Funeral services were held recently for James B. Flemming, president of the Flemming Transfer & Warehouse Co., Birmingham, Ala. He was 42 years old. Mr. Flemming was formerly associated with Charlie's Transfer Line, Birmingham.

Eardley Succeeds Budd

E. Frank Eardley, for the past seven years traffic manager of the Jennings-Cornwall Warehouse Co., Salt Lake City, has been appointed manager of the Central Warehouse in that city. He succeeds C. C. Budd, recently resigned.

Before joining the Jennings-Cornwall organization Mr. Eardley was associated with the traffic and sales department of the Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.

Terminal and Bailey Seek to Collect \$6,000,000 Damages; Illegal Rebating Is Alleged

THE Terminal Warehouse Co., Philadelphia, and Walter A. Bailey, owner of the Bailey Warehouse Co., Philadelphia, each filed a suit in the United States District Court, Philadelphia, on March 12, to collect damages from the Pennsylvania Railroad Co. and the Merchants' Warehouse Co., Philadelphia, for alleged rebating. The amount asked totals \$6,000,000.

The Terminal Warehouse Co. claims \$4,500,000 and Mr. Bailey claims \$1,500,000. Both are competitors of the Merchandise Warehouse Co. in eastern Pennsylvania.

Both suits charge the railroad and the Merchants' Warehouse Co. have been engaged in illegal re'ating practices for more than forty years, to the detriment of the plaintiffs. The suits are based on a decision by the United States Supreme Court last May. That tribunal held that the arrangement between the Pennsylvania Railroad and the Merchants' Warehouse Co., whereunder the former paid the latter special allowances for

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handling "package freignt," such as flour, grain, canned goods and similarly packed merchandise, was illegal because it constituted rebating that was injurious to competing storage warehouses. This arrangement had been in operation in Philadelphia for upwards of forty years with the Merchants' Warehouse Co. and the Pennsylvania and with other warehouses, and the Baltimore & Ohio and the Reading Co. with other warehouses for lesser periods.

The complaining companies charge that the object of the special allowances was to induce the Merchants' Warehouse Co. to give all its outbound shipments to the Pennsylvania Railroad; and, in addition to giving special payments to the warehouse, ostensibly for expediting the delivery of inbound freight, the railroad, it is alleged, built and paid for many special shipping facilities at the Merchants' company which the other warehouses or "independents" had to pay for themselves.

Some months ago the Interstate Commerce Commission issued injunctions, ordering all three railroads to stop the payment of charges for handling their package freight, and grain dealers and other merchants, in addition to the principal trade and commercial organizations in Philadelphia, aligned themselves with the Merchants' company and the railroads in a fight to have the practice and arrangements continued..

They maintained that the practice was most essential to the business of the port of Philadelphia and averred that if the Court ordered it stopped, after it had been in operation for more than forty years, it would seriously disrupt a smoothly running machinery for the delivery of inbound freight from all parts of the country, and do harm to the business of individuals and corporations.

The Terminal Warehouse Co. owns and operates nine storage houses along freight lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad in Philadelphia, and Bailey has two. The law firm representing them includes in its membership William A. Schnader, State Attorney General.

While the Pennsylvania does not restrict its shippers to the use of the Merchants' warehousing facilities, it has granted so many concessions to that company, it is averred, in the way of free storage, tracks and other important elements in the business that shippers turn their business to it with the result that the "independent" companies have little chance in the business.

Harvey C. Miller, president of the Merchants' Warehouse Co., said that at this time he would withhold comment either on the claims or their basis.

Personals

Elmer Johnston, president of the Johnston National Storage, Ltd., Vancouver, has been elected chairman of the bureau of transportation and customs of the Vancouver Board of Trade.

George M. Richardson, general manager and treasurer of the Merchants' Warehouse Co., Philadelphia, and Walter B. McKinney, assistant to the president, have been elected directors. J. B. Hutchinson has retired from the directorate.

Malcolm A. Keyser, president of the M. A. Keyser Fireproof Storage Co., Salt Lake City, has been nominated as a director of the Domestic Distribution Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. Elections will take place at the Chamber's meeting at San Francisco in May.

C. Van Wyck Mott, secretary of the United States Storage Co., Inc., Washington, D. C., has been elected grand master of his Masonic lodge.

Fur Vault Added

The Blakeslee Co., a warehouse firm in Waterbury, Conn., has installed a complete fur storage department. A fireproof vault has been built into the firm's Meadow Street plant. za-

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Horne and Emmertz Favor Three Nye Bills to Amend the Trade Commission Act

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FEDERAL regulation of the commermercial cold storage industry as a public utility would be welcomed by himself and many other members of the industry, Frank A. Horne, president, Merchants' Refrigerating Co., New York, told a sub-committee of the Senate Judiciary Committee at a hearing on Feb. 24. Mr. Horne is general vicepresident of the American Warehousemen's Association.

Commercial cold storage companies occupied the position of quasi-public service corporations, Mr. Horne said, and because of that he would not object to a limitation of the profits of cold storage companies, if it were done in a way similar to present regulation of the rail-roads.

Mr. Horne's testimony came during a series of hearings on three bills introduced by Senator Gerald P. Nye, North Dakota, seeking to amend the Federal Trade Commission Act in several respects. Senator Nye said frankly that the bills were aimed at the growth of chain stores and monopolies. Mr. Horne appeared in support of the measures.

The statement by Mr. Horne that he favored Governmental regulation of the commercial cold storage industry came during a colloquy with Senator Sam G. Bratton, New Mexico, a member of the sub-committee, on one of the Nye bills which proposed to declare unlawful the selling of goods below cost.

Mr. Horne explained that the bill should be amended to include the sale of service below cost if it would be applied to the storage industry. He said he favored Governmental price fixing of storage rates to the extent that it would forbid giving service below cost.

"How would you justify the Government undertaking to protect the cold storage industry against price cutting below cost of service, but keeping its hands off when prices are raised?" asked Senator Bratton. The bill seeks to regulate only price cutting and places no limitation on maximum prices.

"Because we feel this is an unfair method of competition which Congress itself has declared illegal, and we are doing what Congress declared," Mr. Horne replied. "Personally I, and a good many others in our industry, would welcome some public utility control of our industry, because we are a quasipublic service corporation, and in that case I would not object to a limitation of profits, as is being done by other public utilities.

"In fact, our industry will favor a public utility Act, because we believe that we are serving the public. We are dealing with the necessities of life, and we should come under some kind of regulation. That is the reason we favor this sort of thing, because it is an

approach to Government regulatory supervision of our industry."

"And you favor such regulation extending to the point of controlling profits?" inquired Senator Bratton. "I would not object to it if it were

"I would not object to it if it were uniform of application, if the Government has authority to do it as it does in the case of the railroad," Mr. Horne said. "In fact, I think we would welcome a reasonable regulatory control of this kind, even going so far as to regulate the percentage of profits we might make. That is not contemplated here."

In appearing in support of the bills Mr. Horne said he represented the American Warehousemen's Association, and that he was chairman of the trade practice committee of the commercial cold storage industry.

N. A. Emmertz, vice-president and general manager of the Chicago Cold Storage Warehouse Co., also appeared in behalf of the bills.

The measure principally discussed is S. 2626, which proposes to give the force of law to trade practice conference rules adopted by industries under supervision of the Federal Trade Commission.

In introducing his bills, Senator Nye explained that under the present law trade practice conference rules were "accepted and promulgated by the Federal Trade Commission today, and perhaps tomorrow many of them are scrapped, and some of these again confirmed by the Commission the next day."

"The uncertainty thus occasioned has all but destroyed the usefulness of the conferences," he continued. "The proposed legislation absolutely prevents this by providing a means whereby any rule has an opportunity to be judicially determined, which is not possible at the present. This wipes out uncertainties; and to provide a fair competitive field is greatly to the independent dealer's advantage."

The second Nye bill (S. 2627) proposes to establish a Federal Trade Court to be composed of one chief justice and eleven associate justices, with branch Courts in each of the ten judicial circuits of the United States. The court would assume the powers of United States Courts now have respecting violations of the Federal Trade Commission Act, the Sherman, Clayton and other anti-trust Acts.

The third measure (S. 2828) relates to unfair price cutting.

Alluding to the bill to legalize trade practice conference rules, Mr. Emmertz said some members of the commercial cold storage industry now questioned whether the rules adopted under the present system had "teeth." He said there was a feeling that better results could be obtained if the Nye bills were passed.

"We are told quite frequently that Congress is regulating business too much, that it is projecting the Government into too many avenues," Senator Bratton said. "What are your views about that?"

"My views on that are when you get (Concluded on page 47)

Kendall Is Again President of the Yellow Vans Group

THE annual meeting of Yellow Vans Associated was held at the Santa Barbara-Biltmore Hotel in Santa Barbara just prior to the convention of the California Van & Storage Association late in February. Martin H. Kennely, Chicago, president of the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, addressed the group, which elected officers and directors as follows:

President, Jackson W. Kendall, manager of the Crown Transfer & Storage Co., Pasadena.

Vice-presidents, C. A. Buck, owner of the C. A. Buck Transfer & Storage Co., Burlingame, Cal., and D. H. McDonald, secretary of the City Transfer & Storage Co., Seattle, Wash.

Treasurer, Charles H. Samuels, secretary of the U. C. Express & Storage Co., Oakland.

Secretary, Mrs. V. Laverne Mason, 4601 Shattuck Avenue, Oakland.

Directors, C. Fred Baker, manager of Baker's Transfer & Storage, Bakersfield, Cal.; Harry H. Creemens, manager of the Los Angeles Warehouse Co., Los Angeles, and George W. Rodolph, president of the Pierce-Rodolph Storage Co., Ltd., San Francisco.

Yellow Vans Association was two years old on March 15 and has grown from the original group of five to twenty members. During the two years it has handled, according to Mrs. Mason, 6,500,000 pounds of household goods, exclusive of local and long distance moving, and has reciprocated 55 per cent of the tonnage received from eastern warehouses.

F. C. Adams Honored

Resolutions of appreciation were presented on March 9 by the board of directors of the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and the shippers transportation committee of that organization to F. C. Adams, a member of the organization fifteen years, and during that time a member or chairman of the transportation committee.

Mr. Adams, vice-president of the Adams Transfer & Storage Co., has done notable work for the chamber and his committee in transportation matters. His committee activities have been transferred from the shippers' committee to the carriers' committee due to his establishment of a motor trucking business.

Indianapolis Firm Expands

The Central Tranfer & Storage Co., Indianapolis, has taken over under lease the concrete and steel frame building formerly occupied by the Marmon Motor Car Co. at Kentucky Avenue and Morris Street. The structure, containing 25,000 square feet of floor space, is being remodeled to suit the needs of the storage firm.

Harrison Uses Telegraph in a Successful Plan to Collect Money in Arrears

W HAT is the household goods storage executive doing to get money in arrears owed by customers who have been delinquent in this period of hard times?

The question is a subject which has been on the program of nearly every convention in the industry in recent months. Of interest is the plan tried by the J. H. Walker Storage Warehousing Co., Inc., Philadelphia. Milton C. Harrison, an executive in the Walker organization, outlined the idea in a talk at the recent annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Furniture Warehousemen's Association, as follows:

"The last week in January we decided to compile our list of delinquents, or what in former years has been known as our 'sales list.' Due to the depression on one hand and the low market for used furniture on the other, we decided that it would not be the kindest or the wisest thing in the world to sell these goods, unless we were forced to do so, by the customer's abandoning them. We, therefore, thought it would be a good idea to try to stir them up and we certainly succeeded through the medium of Western Union Telegraph Co.

"When our list was completed we had sixty-eight names of customers that we had accurate mailing addresses for. We sent to each of these a ten-word telegram and, to facilitate bookkeeping matters, a nominal charge of fifty cents per message was charged. One hour after the Western Union messenger had left our office with the list of names and addresses and the uniform message, the telephone lines began to get busy with the recipients of notices. Twenty-four hours later we had replies from one-half, and payments from all but two or three of that half. Up to date we have received communications from fifty, and 90 per cent of these have made payments already, the other 10 per cent having promised to pay something before the sixth of February, with the exception of one who has been granted an extension of time to the fifteenth of February. Our 'sales list' today is comprised of eighteen names. We probably will follow this up by sending legal notices to the lots remaining, but we feel that we have eliminated a lot of trouble and clerical work.

"In addition to quick action, startling results, less clerical work on the part of our office employees in a few instances. we found that we got more accurate addresses than we had on our customers' ledger. When a telegram was sent to an address where the customer no longer lived, the messenger was given a forwarding address, and in some cases more than one forwarding address. The telegraph company notified us of the customer's removal and each forwarding address, together with the final delivery point. We in turn made the proper notations on our customers' ledger. While a person is reluctant about giving any

information about a neighbor who has moved, either to the mailman or the registered letter carrier, he usually is very solicitous when a Western Union boy arrives. This message looks more important and proves to be far more effective."

Concentration on Big Accounts Adds 15% to Jefferson's Business

THE big accounts of a merchandise storage plant are the ones that pay well, in the opinion of A. H. Webster, manager of the Jefferson Terminal Warehouse, Detroit. Through them the Jefferson has increased its business 15 per cent in a bad year for business as a whole, he stated. To quote Mr. Webster:

"Small accounts are subject to too much competition. The number of warehouses that feel this is the best for them to handle makes the field too limited, for the volume of business. Prices are too low. The margin of profit is such that any decrease in the accounts is sure to cause a loss. Moreover, the type of service required by the big customer who maintains his own staff and equipment is much more profitable to the warehouse than the small accounts. Overhead costs are greatly reduced.

"As an example of what we have done, a large can manufacturer discontinued the Detroit factory. We went to them with a proposition to put the warehouse in our building, and to lease theirs—which they did, at a big saving to them and a nice profit to us."

Do Space Rentals Net More Than Open Storage in Public Warehouses?

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what they will pay or an office, and usually it is nothing or close to it."

And, from a veteran warehouseman whose observations are always of prime

accuracy, is this opinion:

"So far as offices for tenants of a warehouse are concerned, the tenant always expects a warehouseman to furnish office room either free or at a merely nominal rate, and never at prices commensurate with what the tenant would pay in an office building for the accommodation he requires. Thus the furnishing of offices for tenants is merely another method of cutting rates and cutting the warehouseman's revenue. It should be discouraged rather than promoted."

H. W. Tanner Now Partner

Harmon W. Tanner, who has been associated in his father's business, the Tanner Fireproof Warehouses, Detroit, has been taken into the firm's partnership. He and his father, Lewis H. Tanner, are now the owners.

Love Cautions Cold Storage Warehousing on Excessive Loans

THE cold storage warehouse executive must find some way to get out of the banking business, in the opinion of George Love, vice-president and general manager of the Detroit Refrigerating Co. and a member of the Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, a division of the American Warehousemen's Association.

"Warehouses," Mr. Love said in an interview with Distribution and Warehousing's Detroit correspondent, H. F. Reeves, "now finance up to 75 per cent of the goods which they receive. To get new accounts, or even to retain old business, they must advance the cost of goods brought in, even going further than this sometimes.

"Total financing is not rare. Some houses will even do this and assume all the costs of operation and handling, to be reimbursed out of the uncertain profits of the enterprise.

"This condition is bad for the industry. It increases the risks, and does not increase profits. The warehouse makes no more money than in the past. In fact, even less. The working capital is made much larger, and the return is the same, making the rate of profit smaller. Finally, the dangerous risks assumed spell disaster for the industry.

"The warehouseman must find some way to get out of the banking business,"

J. L. Wilkinson Ill

John L. Wilkinson, president of the Carolina Transfer & Storage Co., Charlotte, N. C., was removed to a local hospital for treatment about the middle of March and it was announced that as soon as his condition warranted an operation would be performed for the removal of his gall bladder.

Mr. Wilkinson is president of the North Carolina Truck Owners' Association and a past president of the Southern Warehousemen's Association.

Adding Side Lines

The Hardware City Storage Co., New Britain, Conn., has installed a furniture cleaning department and is preparing to inaugurate a complete extermination service, according to E. J. Struck, vice-president and general superintendent. The concern operates five warehouses in the New Britain area.

New Connecticut Firms

The K. F. Warehouse Co., South Windsor, Conn., has been incorporated with authorized capital of \$50,000, of which \$1,000 is paid. S. J. Kahn is president; B. C. Kamerman, secretary, and Lewis Fox, treasurer.

A. E. Hurlbut and H. L. Gold have filed a trade name for the New Britain Storage Co., 330 Park Street, New Britain, Conn. ing

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Horne and Emmertz Favor Three New Bills to Amend The Trade Commission Act

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to the point where the Government actually buys and sells commodities I think they have gone too far into business," Mr. Emmertz replied. "On the other hand, we need the assistance of the Government to maintain livable, fair business conditions, and there is no one that can get along without aid of the Government in that direction.

"Undoubtedly the trade practice conference provides the best means for cooperation between Government and business for the elimination of unfair and illegal practices. It is badly needed by business and is in the public interest. Were the Commission to follow the method of investigations and prosecutions in the Courts, the time before relief could be obtained would be too long and the litigation expenses would run into the millions as against the small cost of carrying on the trade practice conference movement."

Rules Have Helped

Answering a question by Senator Daniel O. Hastings, Delaware, chairman of the sub-committee, Mr. Emmertz said the trade practice conference rules adopted by the cold storage industry had been helpful "to a very large extent." He introduced a copy of the rules into the record at the request of Senator Hastings.

Mr. Emmertz said the anti-price cutting bill would have little effect on the cold storage industry because competition in that business was so keen that it automatically fixed prices and kept them "almost on a level." He said, however, that, generally speaking, he favored a Federal law forbidding the sale of commodities below the cost of production.

"The cold storage industry of the United States, with about 750 units (many of them small), 450,000,000 cubic feet of refrigerating space and representing an investment of over \$250,000,000, has in the last decade passed through a period of excessive over-expansion with a corresponding increase of ruinous, unfair competition," Mr. Horne said, in opening his testimony. "Among the abuses have been discriminatory practices in rates and conditions, such as excessive loans inducing speculation in food products, secret rebates, allowances and concessions and other unfair practices.

"The industry looked upon the trade practice conference movement under the Federal Trade Commission with great expectations as a way out of their troubles"

He said the revised rules issued on Nov. 9, 1931, were "fairly satisfactory." The industry, he said, had been greatly helped by the discussion and codification of standard trade ethics underlying the rules, and abuses had been "somewhat abated." Further amplification and authority was needed to provide for

strict enforcement and impartial investigation of violations, he added.

He said his organizations favored the Nye bills for these reasons:

They provide definite statutory authority and specific procedure for trade practice conferences and set standards for legalizing rules adopted by the industry and approved by the Federal Trade Commission.

They make it possible to have rules, within the law, framed in simple and understandable terms, and provide means for testing legality of rules suggested by an industry.

The bills provide a basis for enforcement and determination of controversies not now assumed under the present law and procedure.

The rules, when approved by the Commission, are binding on the entire industry after privilege of participation has been extended to all members of the industry.

The rules provide that should any of them prove to be oppressive and against the public interest, such rule can be reviewed and revoked.

The bills give legal sanction to a process which supplements and safe-guards the anti-trust laws so that ruthless competition shall not issue in monopoly. Stimulation, and not restraint of trade, will be the obvious outcome of the enactment of these bills.

"In general," he said, "we favor this legislation as a step in the direction of the stabilization of the present unfortunate economic situation and the correction of some of the evils incident to the depression in a planned supervision by existing agency prohibiting unfair, destructive and wasteful competition, which otherwise would inevitably have a tendency to promote monopoly, and destroy private initiative and the survival of many small concerns."

-Stephens Rippey.

Grand Trunk's Good 1931

The Grand Trunk Railway Terminal & Cold Storage Warehouse Co., Detroit, experienced in 1931 the best year in the history of the company, according to Harry S. Hall, vice-president. He attributed this to concentration on national accounts, three of which have been added within a month. The firm was established in 1927.

A Driver's Feat

Earl McQuillen, a van driver for the Mansfield Transfer & Storage Co., Mansfield, Ohio, drove a truck loaded with household goods 2127 miles from March 2 to March 12. This is an average of more than 200 miles a day and McQuillen thinks it something of a record in his profession.

His original load he discharged at Pittsburgh, picked up another there for Detroit, and carried other loads from Detroit to Chicago, from Chicago to St. Louis, from St. Louis to Louisville, and from Louisville to Mansfield. He drove a 1000-cubic foot van weighing five tons when empty.

W. C. Mulligan Organizes New York Midtown Firm to Serve Metropolitan Area

THE Mulligan Midtown Warehouse, Co., headed by W. C. Mulligan, has taken over 50,000 square feet of floor space in the big Starrett-Lehigh Building at 13th Avenue and West 26th Street, New York City, and will operate it as a general merchandise warehouse and central distributing point for the metropolitan district.

Mr. Mulligan has for the past fifteen years been head of W. C. Mulligan, Inc., general truckmen and forwarders.

The new warehouse unit has a 200foot loading and unloading platform with Lehigh Valley Railroad siding inside the building. This section, as well as the rest of the structure, is concrete, fireproof and sprinklered.

The plans which have been made for distribution in the New York area call for the use of seventy-two motor trucks, with facilities at the platform to handle both single packages and full carload lots. The lot system and inventory record system will be employed.

Daily delivery and pick-up schedules have been worked out which will cover Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens, Staten Island, Long Island, territory north along the Hudson River, and in New Jersey as far as Newark.

In addition to the local domestic distribution the service will include export and import freight handling.

Oregon Court Ruling Affects Warehousemen

The Oregon State Supreme Court handed down an opinion on March 13 affecting warehouse firms and others which are contract haulers not classified as common carriers and not operating between definite termini. Such firms, the Court ruled, are subject to the Legislature's 1929 Act providing for collection of an additional tax of 50 per cent based on the regular license fee for vehicles weighing less than 4500 pounds, and of 100 per cent additional for vehicles in excess of that weight.

The opinion, affirming a ruling by a lower tribunal, was written by State Supreme Court Justice Rosman in a suit brought by the Portland Van & Storage Co., Inc., and fifty other plaintiffs to restrain State and Marion County authorities from enforcing the 1929 Act.

Wolverine Reelects

The Wolverine Storage Co., Inc., Detroit, has added Anthony Bodde to the board of directors and the other directors have been reelected. Officers for the new year have been elected as follows:

President, Alfred J. Garska. Vicepresidents, Anthony Bodde and Leo K. Hennes. Secretary and general manager, Frank X. Zech. Treasurer, Anthony Bodde.

Career of Buell G. Miller Reviewed in "Family Album"

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there was no money to be made in the furniture warehousing business, but was unconvinced and was determined to learn how success could be accomplished. He made a point of chatting with the heads of warehouses more successful than that with which he was connected, and worked out problems in the management of equipment and rolling stock. Only horse-drawn vans were in use at that time.

Young Miller brought to the van drivers more contentment and pride in their work than they had enjoyed under the old-school regime of the senior Miller, because now their particular duties were outlined for them in advance so they knew just what they were to do, and they were assigned, respectively, to the same vans, day by day. The young man worked in all departments, conscientiously learning at every step and, wherever he was able, making improvements. It did not take him long to discover there are certain underlying principles in the furniture storage warehouse business as in other businesses, although differences in application; and that whereas a factory has a tangible, ponderable product, the product of the warehousing business is service.

The young man learned that while there was no insuperable difficulty in mastering the intricacies of the storage division, owing largely to its fixed charges, certain number of clerks, certain overhead, and so on, it was, in the long run, considerably harder to gage and solve the problems of the moving division. He succeeded in eliminating certain hitherto bothersome overhead costs; his efforts disclosed the desirability of systematizing the work of employees other than the drivers, and this he accomplished. The late Albert M. Reed, then president of the Security The late Albert M. Storage Co., Washington, invited him there and imparted some valuable and practical ideas, promoting young Miller's increasing interest in the warehouse business.

When Buell Miller attained the age of 21, his father, who upon recovery from illness had been much pleased with the young man's achievements toward its success, made him secretary of the company as a reward for his work. But the hard study and long hours had taken toll of his health and he suffered two nervous breakdowns. As soon as he had recovered, he tackled the problems of the growing business with as much vim as ever.

Miller's had built an addition to the warehouse in 1897 and by 1908 it had erected its fifth building. The company was the first in the local field to use motor vans, putting them on the streets in 1911, about which time the name of the company was changed to its present designation. With the substitution of motor vans for horse-drawn equipment, however, came certain new

problems. Buell Miller, now secretary and treasurer of the company, after awhile began to find much idle time in the trucking end of the business, and characteristically he proceeded to eliminate it. He put on new vans as needed. The first Miller fireproof structure was put up at Broad and Lehigh in 1914, followed three years later by another of similar kind. By 1919, Miller's had opened a mechanical shop for repairing its motorized equipment and in this division Buell Miller has taken a deep interest, adding thereto until the company now designs, builds and paints its van bodies.

As Mr. Miller already had learned that the nearer square a packing box is constructed, the more goods can be stored in it, noting, for example that the packers can do better with a box 4 feet x 10 x 10, than with one 5 feet wide, 8 long and 10 high, he now has the van bodies built shorter and wider than those previously used. This means less work for the men, as they do not have to walk so far in loading and can pack to better advantage, this demonstrating that a better balanced truck is a more efficient one.

About ten years ago the founder died, and Buell G. Miller became president as well as treasurer of the company, which offices he has continued to hold. It was in 1920 that the company opened its present fireproof branch warehouse at Germantown Avenue and Penn Street, Germantown, introducing therewith to Philadelphia "compartment storage." Great improvements in rolling stock refinements, including the chassis and tires, were adopted in the next two years and these have been continued, with additions, until now Miller's operates a large fleet of distinctive, up-to-themoment motor vans.

But numerous other improvements were in progress. In 1921 the company opened its West Philadelphia branch, at 52nd Street below Baltimore Avenue, two years latter erecting an addition thereto that made it the largest warehouse in the city. In 1925 the company took down its non-fireproof buildings at Broad and Lehigh, made sweeping alterations to the fireproof structure there, and built a big addition containing a modern bank vault for silverware and treasures, and a large cold storage vault for furs, and various other improvements, including an enlarged office. In 1928 Miller's received the exclusive right to apply cenolin mothproofing preparations in the locality and refurnished its West Philadelphia office. Other improvements have since been made, and more are about to be announced. The business today represents an investment of a million dollars.

During these years Buell G. Miller has been extremely active in association work. He was one of the original group that organized the National Furniture Warehousemen's Association, of which his company has ever since been a member and from which organization he has received personal honors, as witness his recent election as a director of the body.

He has been chairman of the National's membership committee and served on its legislation and insurance committees, as well as being chairman of its auxiliary department committee on side-lines, and serving on the committee charged with providing funds for the associationthis committee, by the way, being Mr. Miller's own ideas. Mr. Miller was the first vice-president ever elected by the Pennsylvania Furniture Warehousemen's Association and its second president, and has been a member of its board of directors since its organization. Mr. Miller also served again as vice-president and was chosen president of the Philadelphia Chapter, P. F. W. A., when it was organized in 1931, and only recently was re-elected president for 1932. Since the reorganization of the P. F. W. A., Mr. Miller has remained a member of its board of directors, being Philadelphia Chapter representative on the State board, in 1931.

He also has been prominent in the work of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association, Inc., both before and since its present designation. He was president of the association consecutively from 1925 to 1928; has been its secretary, a director, chairman of the legislation committee, and a member of its finance and arbitration committees and has been strongly influential in bringing about the modification of the State motor vehicle laws.

Early in his business career Mr. Miller contacted the New York Furniture Warehousemen's Association and later attended a great many of the New York and Illinois association sessions, with profit to his company in the way of applying ideas thus absorbed.

Mr. Miller's marriage to Miss Lena O. Allen, granddaughter of Clarendon Smith, president and treasurer of Smith's Transfer & Storage Co., Inc., of Washington, D. C., and niece of Arthur C. Smith, vice-president and general manager of the company, of which the bride formerly was cashier, is so recent as to be still fresh in the minds of their many friends.

Of hobbies, Mr. Miller has two-gardening and music. For years, one of his favorite diversions has been attending the opera and musical recitals. While he continues as busy on the problems of his expanding business as he was during the days of its early upbuilding—perhaps even busier—he somehow finds time to pursue his association activities and to contribute freely at these sessions from his own experiences in solving problems whenever he believes a word from him may help a fellow warehouseman.

New Jacksonville Firm

The Southern Warehouse & Forwarding Company has been incorporated in Florida to do a general storage business in Jacksonville. Capital, 50 shares of \$100 par value each. The directors are F. W. Eansor, B. W. Haynes and N. F. Caldwell.

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California

LONG BEACH—Bliss Transfer (organized), 213 East Fifth Street. W. A. Bliss, 325 East 19th Street, heads the interets.

Los Angeles-Capitol Transfer Co. (organized), 1026 South Grand Avenue. Fred E. Darr, 602 West Vernon Avenue, heads the interests.

Los Angeles-Chicago Van & Storage Co., 1701 South Hill Street. Storage warehouse and van service. Capital not stated. L. Nicholson and H. Nicholson, 5935 Cimmaron Street, head the inter-

Los Angeles-Dollar Transfer (organized), 8953 Santa Monica Boulevard. A. G. Baumgardner, 8973 Cynthia Street, heads the interests.

Los Angeles-Economy Movers' Van & Storage Co., 4901 South Vernon Avenue. Storage warehouse and van service. Albert A. Eddy, 111 West 119th Street, heads the interests.

Los Angeles—Olympic Transfer & Storage Co. (organized), 7520 Melrose Avenue. Storage warerouse and trucking. Charles Tyler, 204 North Clarence Street, heads the interests.

Los Angeles-Phoenix Forwarding Co. Capital, 2500 shares of no par value stock. Incorporators, Frank M. Foster and Raymond Hill of Sierra Madre and Kenneth B. Cannon and David C. Hutchon of Pasadena.

Los Angeles-Stor Dor Express Co. Capital, 2500 shares of no par value stock. Incorporators, M. B. Jones, W. A. Jones and William G. Junge, 739 Western Pacific Building.

Hartford-Christie Transfer & Warehouse Co. (established in 1923). Authorized capital, \$50,000; 500 shares of common stock, \$100 par; \$2,000 paid. Incorporators, S. M. Christie, manager; Ruth Christie and Edmund B. Doyle.

Connecticut

Illinois

Chicago-Black Hawk Transfer, Inc., 127 North Dearborn Street. Capital \$20,000. Incorporators, Edward H. Weihe, Arthur C. Johnson and John M. Conners.

Chicago-Chicago to Milwaukee Service, Inc., 215 North Carpenter Street. General motor transport business. Capital, 200 shares of no par value stock. Incorporators, Thomas S. McCabe, P. W. Marsluff and Violet Johnson.

Chicago-National Highway Freight Terminals, Inc., 561 East Illinois Street. Storage warehouse and transfer. Capital, \$10,000. Incorporators, J. M. Seiwert, Edward P. Seiwert and Albert J.

Chicago-Warehouses, Inc., 1437 Merchandise Mart Building. Storage warehousing. Capital not stated. Incorporators, Harry B. Wolper and Samuel J. Graff.

Indiana

Kokomo-Becraft Transfer & Storage, Inc. Capital stock, 1000 shares of no par value. Incorporators, J. H. Becraft, owner and manager of the Becraft Transfer & Storage Co., established in 1911; Max F. Hosea and M. E. Hosea.

Kentucky

Mayfield—City Ice Co. Cold storage warehouse and ice plant. Capital, \$40,-000. Incorporators, George J. Covington and C. L. Dowdy.

Massachusetts

Boston-Bay State Motor Express. Capital, \$50,000. Samuel J. Somers is president. Harry Somers, 128 Pleasant Street, Brookline, is treasurer.

Everett-Suburban Ice Co. Cold stor-(Concluded on page 50)

Sidney A. Smith Returning to Chicago to Manage the Currier-Lee Warehouse Co.

IDNEY A. SMITH, in recent years Smanager of the Lee Terminal & Warehousing Corporation, Tampa, Fla., is returning to Chicago to resume operating management of the Currier-Lee



A new picture of Sidney A. Smith

Warehouse Co., of which he has continued to serve as vice-president since going to Florida about 1925 to develop the Tampa organization launched by J. Edgar Lee, Chicago, president of both firms.

In Tampa, Mr. Smith is succeeded by Levant V. Morrell, formerly with the Sibley Warehouse & Storage Co., Chicago, now operated by the Griswold-Walker-Bateman Co., Chicago.

While in Florida Mr. Smith served as president of the Florida Warehouse & Transfer Association. At the annual convention of the American Warehousemen's Association, held in Detroit in January, the merchandise division elected Mr. Smith president for 1932. He is a past-president of the old Central Warehousemen's Club.

Construction Developments Purchases, Etc.

Canada

PORT ARTHUR, ONT.—The Farmers' Association has tentative plans for erecting a \$55,000 1-story cold storage warehouse.

St. Catharines, Ont.-Niagara District Warehouse & Forwarding Co., recently organized, has plans for a \$60,000 warehouse at Thorold Dock.

Connecticut

Danbury-Clear Ice Co. is planning construction of a \$40,000 1-story cold storage warehouse and ice plant, 45 by 150 feet, at Triangle and Taylor Streets.

Hartford-Highland Ice Co. is planning erection of a \$65,000 1-story cold storage warehouse and ice plant, 50 by 125 feet, on Wethersfield Avenue.

New Britain-Southern New England Ice Co. is considering construction of a 1-story cold storage warehouse and ice plant.

Illinois

Chicago—Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. and Illinois Central Railroad Co. are projecting plans for a \$200,000 terminal warehouse group on a 21-acre tract of land along the ship canal and the Chicago River, near South Damen Avenue.

Chicago-Coordinated Transport, Inc., has begun operation of a pick-up and delivery freight service, by motor truck and railroad, between Chicago and twenty-three cities in Indiana and Michi-

Chicago-Goold Storage Co. plans to spend about \$40,000 altering and improving its 5-story warehouse at 2219 Cottage Grove Avenue.

Chicago-Shore Line Forwarding & Distributing Co., 1235 West 21st Street, has organized the Shore Line Motor Freight, Inc., to operate a motor freight line.

Indiana

Kokomo-Becraft Transfer & Storage, Inc., has made arrangements to represent the United Transit Service, Inc., in motor freighting.

Louisiana

New Orleans-Southern Pacific Lines in Texas have plans for two warehouse units, 60 by 540 feet, for produce and allied service, on Front Street, to cost more than \$125,000.

Massachusetts

Boston-Fosters Wharf Co. has filed plans for a \$65,000 5-story warehouse on Atlantic Avenue.

Holyoke-Holyoke Ice Co. is constructing a \$65,000 1-story cold storage warehouse and ice plant, 60 by 120 feet, on Prospect Street.

Northampton-Norwood Ice Co. is planning construction of a \$45,000 1story warehouse and ice plant, on Easthampton Road.

Worcester-Tatnuck Ice Co. is completing plans for a \$40,000 cold storage warehouse and ice plant on Mill Street.

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age warehouse and ice plant. Capital, \$40,000. John J. Kelliher is president. John N. Bolster, 2 Forest Avenue, Cambridge, is treasurer.

Mississippi

Biloxi-Gulf Coast Ice Co. Cold storage warehouse and ice plant. Capital not stated. Principal incorporator, Harold W. Elder.

New Jersey

Trenton-New Jersey Terminal & Warehouse Corporation. Storage warehousing and transfer. Capital, 2500 shares of no par value stock. Representative, United States Corporation Co., 150 Broadway, New York City.

New York

Rochester-Tri-State Motor Terminal, Inc. Storage warehousing and motor trucking. Capital, 100 shares of no par value stock. Principal incorporator, William H. Spindler, 710 Dewey Avenue.

Syracuse-Salt City Movers, Inc. Capital, 200 shares of no par value stock. Principal incorporator, Robert L. Sheffer, 1823 South State Street.

Ohio

Cincinnati-Continental Freight Forwarding Co. Capital, \$50,000. Incorporators, Albert H. Jahnke and H. W. Hardesty.

Cleveland-Canners' Warehouses, Inc. Capital, 250 shares of no par value stock. Incorporators, M. A. Gray, J. B. Gray and Erna Barton. Representative, A. E. Barton, 2973 Essex Road.

Cleveland-National Movers, Capital, 250 shares of no par value stock. Incorporators, Jules Eshner, Union Trust Building: Corinne O'Donoghue and Cecelia R. Graham.

Columbus-Atlas Transfer & Storage Co. Storage, transfer and trucking. Capital, \$25,000. Incorporators, Arthur L. Rowe and Mark S. Evans, 17 South High Street.

Zanesville-Western Motor Feight Transit, Inc. Capital, 250 shares of no par value stock. Incorporators, Floyd E. Chaplin, George H. Snyder and Edwin H. Schaum.

Pennsylvania

Philadelphia-Keystone Storage Co. (organized), 1323 Ridge Avenue. Storage warehouse and van service. Leonard Miller heads the interests.

Philadelphia-Liberty Storage (organized), 1706 South Fourth Street. Storage warehouse. Maurice Zamsky, 702 Siegel Street, heads the interests.

Philadelphia-National Moving (organized), 4605 Van Kirk Street. Edward Snyder heads the interests.

Philadelphia—Peerless Storage (organized), 5519 Chester Avenue. Storage warehousing and transfer. Louis E. Moran heads the interests.

Upper Darby-Melville Storage. Storage warehouse and van service. Organized by James Melville and J. Moriarity, with offices at 22 North 52nd Street.

Texas

Antonio-San Antonio-Crystal San City Truck Line. Freight transfer. Capital, \$10,000. Incorporators, W. B. Smith and Luther L. Wallace.

Virginia

Richmond-Dixie Motor Transit Lines, Inc. Capital, \$25,000. Principal incorporator, J. R. Tucker, State Planters' Bank Building.

Change of Name

The Fort Worth firm of Johnson Warehouse Co., Inc., recently purchased from W. A. Johnson by R. R. Wilson and associates, has changed its name to the O. K. Warehouse Co., Inc. Mr. Wilson is the O. K.'s president and C. J. Stinson is manager.

New British Tariff Admits **Household Goods Duty Free Under Certain Conditions**

ONDITIONS under which household goods are admitted into England under the new British tariff are set forth in official advice received by Clarence A. Aspinwall, president of the Security Storage Co., Washington, D. C., on the authority of the British Customs.

There has been some uncertainty as to the dutiable status of such goods, and the information obtained by Mr. Aspinwall is important to American storage executives sending household effects to the The Washington execu-British Isles. tive writes Distribution and Warehousing that he has been officially advised to

the effect that:

"Household and personal effects (excluding such articles as wines, spirits, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, motor cars and motorcycles, or cinematograph film of the standard width of 1% in.) which are imported into the United Kingdom on a bona fide transfer of residence by the owner and have been in the owner's possession and use abroad for a appreciable period, are admitted free of duty. This concession is conditional on:

"(1) the articles being duly declared and produced to the Officer of Customs and Excise at the port of importation,

"(2) a satisfactory declaration of ownership being made.

"A written statement showing the length of time the goods have been in the owner's possession and use abroad should be furnished at the time of importation of the articles."

Bekins to Build Again

The Bekins Van & Storage Co., operating depositories in California cities, plans to erect another household goods warehouse, on El Cajon Avenue in San Diego, according to the San Diego Sun. The firm's president and vice-president, Milo W. Bekins of Los Angeles and Reed J. Bekins of San Francisco, were in San Diego on an inspection trip early in March. The company operates a plant in that city.

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Michigan

Detroit-Battery Warehouse Corporation has filed notice of company dissolution under State laws.

Missouri

St. Louis-A syndicate represented by Thomas H. Cobbs, 506 Olive Street, is planning construction of a \$400,000 terminal warehouse group on black from Grand Boulevard to Prospect Avenue and Market Street.

Shelbina-Producers Cold Storage Co. is considering construction of a \$80,000 cold storage warehouse.

New York Brooklyn-Reliable Van & Storage Co., Inc., is planning a \$75,000 4-story addition at Bath Avenue and Bay 19th Street.

New York City-Loomis Cold Storage Co., 221 Washington Street, has arranged for change of capital from 5500 to 1500 shares of stock, par value \$50 each.

Oklahoma

Tulsa-Federal Storage & Van Co. has purchased the household goods and merchandise storage accounts of the Atlas Storage & Transfer Co.

Tulsa-Parkhill Trucking Co. plans to rebuild its storage warehouse recently wrecked by fire with estimated loss of \$65,000.

Oregon

Klamath Falls-Klamath Ice & Storage Co. has filed plans for a \$24,000 1-story warehouse at 759 California Street.

Tennessee

Knoxville-Frederickson Motor Express Corp., Charlotte, N. C., has opened a branch office and motor freight depot at 200 Randolph Street, Knoxville.

Memphis-Inland Waterways Corporation has plans for a 1-story top addition, 35 by 60 feet, to warehouse at foot

of Georgia Street.

Memphis-Wolf River Terminal & Warehouse Co., a subsidiary of the American Barge Line, has acquired three acres of land along the Wolf River, and plans to remodel and improve, for warehouse purposes, a building on the property. Estimated cost of improvements, \$50,000.

Washington

Seattle-Crosby Lighterage Co. has filed plans for a 1-story warehouse on Atlantic Street, near Seventh Avenue,

Wisconsin

Marshfield-S. J. Miller, 101 North Vine Street, heads interests planning to build and operate a \$35,000 cold storage warehouse.

J. W. Elliott

John W. Elliott, president of the Brazil Transfer Co., Brazil, Ind., died on March 14 after an extended illness. He was in his seventieth year.

HERE TO

Every warehouseman is interested in the new products offered for use in his business and warehousemen may look to this department to bring before them all things that are made for special or general use in the industry.

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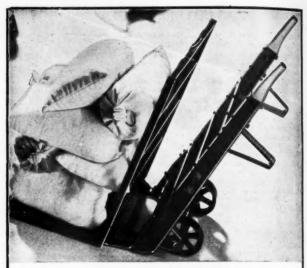
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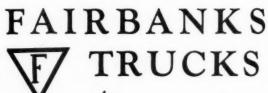
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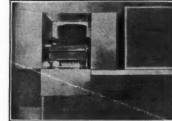


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■ Several years ago Distribution and Warehousing made a very careful survey of the intercity hauling of goods. Some thought we overdrew the picture a bit at the time to make it more convincing to those who failed to see the trend of the future—we were lauded on one hand by the fellow who saw the future as we did; and we were criticised on the other hand by the fellow who had a good storage business but who did not care to link up the motor freight business with that which he had—in many cases he feared the trouble and the grief that might be attached to such a move.

¶ In a way that warehouseman was right—but he failed at the time to realize the potency of the growing demand among national distributors for that kind of

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■ Since that time, however, many of those warehousemen have turned their loading platforms into veritable motor freight stations—some needed larger quarters, and built modern motor freight stations in connection with their storage warehouses.

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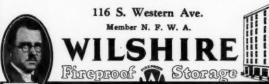
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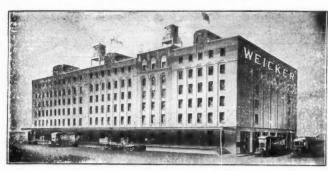
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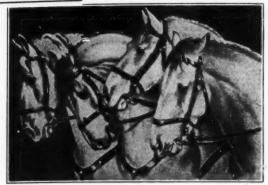
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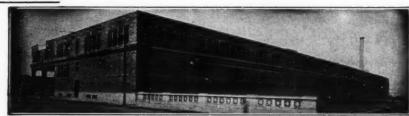
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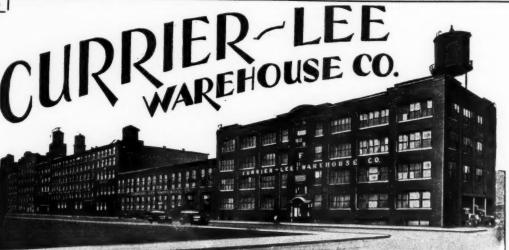
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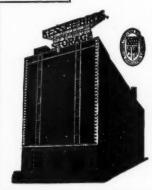
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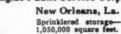
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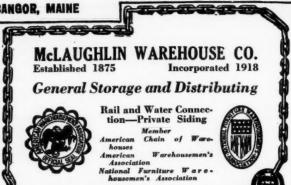
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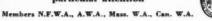
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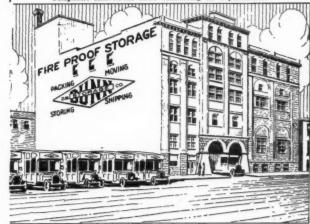
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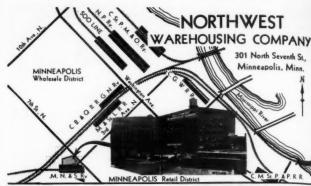
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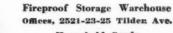
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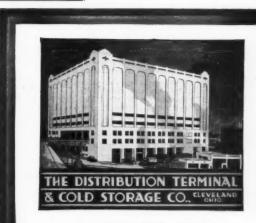
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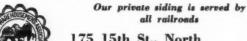
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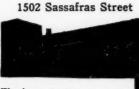
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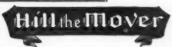
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